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AMMAN (Petra) — The government on Sunday

announced the cancellation

of all export and import li-

cences with certain exemp-

tion. The ministry's secretary

general, Mobammad Smadi,

told a press conference that

the measure does not apply

to imports or exports from

and to countries with which Jordan has special trade pro-

tocols and to goods that are

restricted to certain departments or ministries or firms

like the oil and oil deriva-

tives, cement, phosphate etc. Also excluded are commod-

ities bke wheat and cereals as

well as other basic supplies

which are imported by the

Charles in Oman

MUSCAT (AP) - Britain's

Prince Charles, in Oman on a

visit, watched an aerobatic

display by the famed Red Arrows of the British Royal

Air Force Monday. The prince was accompanied by

Thuweini Ben Shebab Al

Saeed, special adviser of

Oman's ruler, Sultan

Qaboos. Earlier, Prince

Charles met with the minister

of state for development

affairs, the official Oman

News Agency said. It said the

minister, Mohammad Ben

Musa Al Yousef, briefed the

prince on developments in

Oman over the past 25 years.

Only 800 Yemenis

accept Saudi offer

RIYADH (AFP) --- Only 800

Yemenis have taken up an

offer to return to work in

Saudi Arabia even though

800,000 worked in the king-

dom before they were expel-led during the Gulf crisis, a

newspaper reported Monday. "The number of requests

from Yemenis at recruitment

agencies since authorisation

was granted two weeks ago is

smaller than expected, and

are no higher than 800," the

Arab daily Al Sharq Al Awsat quoted an official

source as saying. A recruit-

ment agent in Riyadh said

Saturday that Saudi Arabia

had authorised the return of

Pakistani beheaded

RIYADH (AP) — A Pakistani convicted of drug trafficking was beheaded Mon-

day in the Red Sea port city.

of Jeddah, the official Saudi

Press Agency reported. It identified him as Israrullah

Ouraishi. His execution

raised the number of behead-

ings this year to 182, a record

number over any previous

Car exhaust sets off

JERICHO (AFP) — A car exhaust backfiring set off panic during a meeting be-

ween senior Israeli armv

officials and the Palestinian

police chief in Jericho on

Monday, witnesses said.

Israeli soldiers fired in the

air, thinking they were under

attack, and the self-ruled

West Bank town was briefly sealed off. General Hajj

Ismail, head of Palestinian

police in the town, was meet-

ing army officials at a coor-

dination office on the edge of

Jericho, where self-rule is to

be expanded under the West

Bank accord signed last

Mestiri concludes

talks with Rabbani

KABUL (AP) - A U.N.

envoy secured a promise for a

ceasefire in this war-battered

capital during talks with

Afghan President Borhanud-

din Rabbani that ended

Monday, the president's spokesman said. U.N. special

envoy to Afghanistan Mehmood Mestiri in recent

weeks has been travelling be-

tween government and

opposition territory in an effort to hroker a lasting

peace agreement after three years of civil war. "Mehmood

Mestiri said he obtained the

promise of the other factions

for a ceasefire," Mr. Rabba-

ni's spokesman Aziz Morad

Thursday.

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#### Algerian says reforms in place

LUXEMBOURG (R) — Algeria said on Monday its political and economic reforms were now in place and called on the European Union (EU) to start negotiating seriously on a free trade area. With eagle-eyed security guards in attendance. Algerian Foreign Minister Mohammad Salah Dembri 10ld a news conference the electoral process would be fully reinstated by the end of next year and the country's economy would grow 3.5 per cent this year.
"The road is now open for a negotiating mandate (on a free trade area)." he said. "The transfer in Algeria of the political system from monoparty to pluralism is already under way," Mr. Dembri said. He was in Luxembourg to meet his EU counterparts to discuss EU-Algeria relations. He pointed to presidential elections next month (see page 2), and said national and municipal elections would follow. The EU ministers had earlier been warned to expect tight security at the meeting because of the fear of fundamentalist attacks due to the presence of Mr. Dembri. However, only four police were in evidence when he slipped into the building early — although many more turned up three hours later.

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#### Israel holds relatives, friends of suspect

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel has arrested 24 relatives and friends of a TEL AVIV (AP)— Israel has arrested 24 relatives and friends of a fugitive Palestinian suspected of being a bombing mastermind over the past three weeks, residents in the man's West Bank village said Monday. The arrests seemed part of an accelerated Israeli campaign to find Yahya Ayyash, nicknamed "The Engineer," who reportedly built bombs that killed dozens of Israelis over the past two years. "His schoolmates, his mother and two brothers are among those detained," a distant cousin, a Hamdallah Ayyash, said Monday. Four months ago, Mr. Ayyash's wife and young son disappeared from their home in the West Bank village of Rafat. Palestinians have said the two are in hiding. Mr. Ayyash himself is Palestinians have said the two are in hiding. Mr. Ayyash himself is believed to be on the run in the autonomous Gaza Strip. Israeli reports have said the Palestinian self-rule authority has urged Mr Ayyash, a leading figure in the militant group Hamas, to try and sneak from Gaza into an Arab country. A capture of Mr. Ayyash in Gaza could prove embarrassing for the self-rule authority and lead to a renewed confrontation with Hamas.

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Settlers bring protest to Jordanian territory

Group crosses River Jordan with message against Palestinian control over other side

JORDAN RIVER (Agencies) - More than 100 Jewisb settlers angry at Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's peace moves with the Palestinians took their protests on Monday across the border to Jordan.

Settler leader David Levy asserted that the deal Israel signed with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in Washington last week widening Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank posed a security threat to both Israelis and Jordanians.

The settlers broke open a gate in the Israeli border fence and drove through. Later parking their cars, they then crossed the River Jordan between the West Bank and Jordan in water cbest-high.

The settlers headed back after handing two Jordanian soldiers a message for King Hussein. Israel radio said Israeli security forces arrested dozens of settlers when they crossed back into the West Bank about three bours later.

"We reached agreement with the Jordanian officer who will take a letter ... to King Hussein asking that Palestinians be barred from

entering the area between us and the Jordanians," Yoav Noy, a protest orga-

niser, said. "Just as we lived in cooperation for 25 years, in peace and harmony, we don't want another element

to interfere," he said. Most of the demonstrators live in settlements in the Jordan Valley and claim they will be in danger if more land in the area comes under Palestinian

Mr. Rabin told bis cabinet on Monday that he proposed enlarging the Jericho enclave by about six square kilometres westwards, in an area where there are no settlements. The Palestinians currently control 62 square kilometres in and around

Under the Israel-PLO agreement, the Palestinian self-rule authority would also gain administrative control over the area of Jiftlic in the Jordan Valley, some 30 kilometres north of Jericbo.

Israeli troops will remain in charge of security in Jift-lic which straddles a northsouth thoroughtfare used by the settlers.

Ayala Danielli, a 29-year-old date farmer, said she and other settlers were afraid. "We just don't want to live under the guns of Palestinian police. Nobody wants to live like that." she

However, Israeli cabinet ministers said Monday that the settlers' fears were unfoonded. Agriculture Minister Yaakov Tzur said that 90 per cent of the valley would remain under Israeli control.

Monday's protest began when about 100 settlers marched towards the border fence with Jordan. Israeli soldiers made a halfhearted attempt to stop the settlers who pushed

The settlers used dozens of cars to break into the no-man's land near Netiv Hagdud settlement, 15 kilometres north of the autonomous enclave of Jericho.

They pushed an army vehicle into a ditch and then waded between tall bamboo stools across the river, breaching the ceasefire line which separates the West Bank from Jor-

The demonstrators strug-

gled in waist-bigh, muddy water against a strong current at a point of the river less than 10 metres.

Israeli soldiers, taken by surprise and at first outnumbered, were helpless once the settlers had crossed as they are not allowed to enter Jordanian terri-

The settlers said their latest protest was aimed at highlighting how easy it was to penetrate the line and 'hi.: plans to expand Jericho would leave them even more vulnerable.

Senior Israeli officers later arrived and angrily ordered the settlers to return. The settlers re-sponded with chants of: We shall not be moved.

The group eventually returned to Israel after an hour on the Jordanian side. Dozens of settlers were briefly detained for questioning. Israeli radio said police planned to file charges at a later time.

A legislator from the

opposition Likud party, meanwhile, said Monday he would submit a bill which would instruct the government to annex the Jordan Valley. Monday.



Jewish settlers wade across the River Jordan onto Jordanian territory on Monday in what they described as a bid to send a message to Jordan that they would not accept Palestinian control over an expanded Jericho self-rule enclave (AFP photo)

## **PLO** demands Israel free women detainees

Questions are raised over Weizman's 'jurisdiction' over Palestinian prisoners

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israel will violate its peace deal with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) if President Ezer Weizman refuses to re-lease Palestinian women pris-oners, an aide to PLO Chair-man Yasser Arafat said on

"Anyone who would take such a decision would be shooting himself in the foot," adviser Ahmad Tibi told Israeli army radio.

Israel's high court meanwhile rejected a bid by 10 Israelis convicted of killing Palestinians to be set free along with the hundreds of Palestinian prisoners to be released under the deal signed at the White House

last week. Mr. Weizman's directorgeneral, Arye Shumer, had said the president would refuse to pardon Palestinian women convicted of killing Jews, despite Israel's promise in the accord to free all women in the first of three

The Palestinians were aware of the fact that it could very well be that the president wouldn't want to release detainee X, Y or another. But they are conducting negotiations with the government of Israel," Dr. Tibi

prisoner releases.

"It would constitute a severe violation of the agreement," Dr. Tibi said, sug-

of other countries and harm the stature of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) among Palestinians.

Israeli Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, active in the negotiations with the PLO, suggested, however, that Mr. Weizman may not have the final word.

"On one hand, there is no question about it — we'll respect the decision of the president. On the other hand, there are governmental commitments and we'll have to respect our commit-

ments," Mr. Sarid said. "And if there will be any contradiction between those commitments, the govern-

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## Libya prepares for more expulsion of Palestinians PNC denounces move as conspiracy

SALLOUM, Egypt (Agencies) - Libya expanded refugee camps in the no-man's land along the border with Egypt on Monday as it expelled another 80 Palestinians. and hundreds more were ex-

pected. In Amman, members of the Palestine National Council (PNC) accused Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi of conspiring against the Palestinian people.

At a two-hour meeting, 50 of the council's 84 members living in Jordan urged Colonel Qadhafi to reconsider his decision to expel Libya's 30,000 Palestinians, which they said was part of "a conspiracy to drive the Palestimians out of the Arab World."

"This is an outrageous aggression against the Palestinian people by the Li-

Richard Holbrooke and the

Bosnian leadership aimed at

reaching an agreement on a

countrywide ceasefire ended

"inconclusively" Monday.
"We bave another produc-

ove and useful talk... but

discussions on the issue of a

ceasefire proved inconclu-

sive. The two sides remain in

significant disagreement over

the type of ceasefire and the

nature of the details." Mr.

Holbrooke said after 90 mi-

nutes of talks with Bosnian

President Alija Izetbegovic

However, the assistant

U.S. secretary of state sought

to play down the significance

of this apparent impasse in

his efforts to bring an end to

fighting in Bosnia where Bos-

nian Serb forces bave begun

and other government offi-

SARAJEVO (AFP) — Talks between U.S. peace envoy "If people "

news conference. "It gives justification for other Arab countries which host tens of thousands of Palestinians to take similar actions,'

byan leader," Salim Zanoun, the council's speaker, told a waiting for Qadhafi to come on Wednesday or Thursday

Col. Qadhafi, furious at a Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) peace deal he describes as capitulation to the Jewish state, has ordered the expulsion of thousands of Palestinian workers and their families in

United Nations sources in Cairo say more than 5,000 have been expelled in the past three months.

Some of the Salloum

camp's 275 Palestinians said they heard that Col. Oadhafi. might visit them and take them back into his country. "People at the camp are

Bosnia ceasefire talks

inconclusive – envoy

"If people want to keep

fighting they can keep fight-ing. The talks will go on. We

have made a lot of progress

(in the past) while fighting

went on while NATO

(North Atlantic Treaty Orga-

nisation) airstrikes went on

He was referring to two

accords reached earlier this

month between the main

players in the conflict: Bos-

nia, Croatia and Serb-led

Yugoslavia on the future con-

stitutional arrangement for

"In many wars there's been

peace talks and fighting

simultaneously. It's wasteful,

it doesn't make much sense,

people die, people are made homeless. While pleace talks

continue we think the fight-

ing should stop but if the

fighting continues as it is it

the country.

taking back territory lost to a does not prevent us from

government offensive earlier talking about the future

Mr. Holbrooke went on.

to tell them that the show is over, that he's proved his point to the world and that be will take them back," said Umm Adel, a woman who left the camp to cross the border at Salloum en route to Gaza and Jericho.

There was no independent confirmation of their claim. The latest arrivals brought to more than 300 the number trapped in the zone, and another 500 were due on

Tuesday, Egyptian border officials said. They have already been flown from several parts of Libya to Tripoli from where they will be taken by bus to the Libyan border post of Misaed and then into no-

man's land.

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peace," Mr. Holbrooke said.

Earlier Monday in the Bulgarian capital Sofia, Mr Holbrooke, continuing his

shuttle diplomacy in the Bal-

kans, cautioned against ex-

pectations of a rapid peace

deal in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

for Sarajevo, he said: "The

road ahead is very long and

very difficult. We are neither

Sarajevo after visits to Bel-

grade and Zagreb over the

U.N. officials said in Zag-

reb that despite Croatian

assurances that the rights of

its minority Serb population

will be respected, uniformed

men continue to terrorise

Serbs in territory recon-

quered by the Croatian army

"Looting is moving into a

weekend.

in August.

The U.S. envoy came to

opomists, nor pessimists."

Speaking before leaving

## Military exercises continue in Kuwait

KUWAIT (Agencies) — U.S. Marines backed by American and Kuwaiti planes fired artillery, mortars and machineguns in desert exercises on Monday, saying they were ready to counter any new threat from Iraq if one

"We're out here fully deployed as a navy marine corps team for any contingencies," Marine spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel James Thomas told reporters at a briefing on the manoeuvres.

"Today we are conducting battalion-level live fire exercises shooting everything from M16 rifles to machineguns, artillery and mortars and calling in U.S. and Kuwaiti air support."

But he said he had no information "other than what we see in the newspapers" that would suggest Iraq planned fresh military action against Kuwait.

Britain's Sunday Times said at the weekend Iraqi military movements had triggered fresh Western concern about Baghdad's intentions. Western diplomats in Kuwait said they had no information to support the newspaper's suggestion that Iraq was planning a repeat of its 1990 invasion of emirate. "All is quiet," one diplomat said.

The Sunday Times said Iraq had moved 100 tanks and armoured personnel carriers into an exclusion zone declared by the United Nations after the 1991 Gulf war. In Washington, a Pentagon officer discounted the report, saying the Iraqi army was

going into its normal training. A U.S. embassy spokesman in Kuwait said he had no information indicating an imminent threat to Kuwait.

A senior military source denied an Egyptian news agency report that all Kuwaiti army leaves had been cancelled as a precaution because of the Sunday Times report. The official Iraqi News

Agency quoted an unnamed

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Rescue teams at work on Monday in the rubbles of a building that collapsed in an earthquake that hit the Turkish town of Dinar (AFP photo)

## At least 56 killed and 250 injured in Turkish quake

DINAR. Turkey (Agencies) higher but many people had — Hundreds of dazed resi-fled their homes last week dents wandered in the streets after minor termors shook of a once buzzing Turkish the town in warning of the big market town on Monday, quake. made homeless by a strong earthquake that killed at least 56 people and injured about

A government minister has predicted a final death toll of about 100 from Sunday's quake in the southwestern town of Dinar.

The centre of the town was scarred by pockets of rubble from apartment blocks and public buildings brought crumpling to the ground as if made of sand.

"Our town is gone. Nohoday cares." exhausted lawyer Adnan Avturk said in front of collapsed block of flats where one woman died.

Witnesses said the death toll would have been much fled their homes last week Minister of Housing and

Public Works Halil Culhaoglu was quoted by Anatolian news agency as saving the authorities "expect around lift dead." The agency said 4.000 houses had been destroyed and 1,000 others dam-

'God, please save my children please, God." Necati Ozturk called towards the sky as an excavator dug in to the ruins of his house.

Rescue workers then pulled out the bodies of his son and three-year-old grandson from the rubble. His two daughters-in-law and five neighbours still were under the destroyed three-storev

ple had died and more were feared dead or hurt under collapsed houses. An earlier toll had put the number of dead at 52 with

150 injured. Most of the dead were in the town of Dinar, a locality with 35,000 residents and the worst hit by the tremor that measured six on the openended Richter scale.

Rescue workers tried to clear away the dehris of a collapsed five-storey apartment block in the centre of town where several people were believed to have been huried. Pots. pans and other household goods were strewn

about the streets. The Turkish Red Crescent and local authorities in nearby areas sent tents and food

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## Algeria opposition urges poll boycott as violence mounts

bloodshed escalated over the weekend in Algeria, claiming more than 20 lives, two of the country's main opposition parties called for boycotts to show their rejection of next month's presidential election.

However, the two, which include the long-time ruling national Liheration Front (FLN) chose different ways to demonstrate their opposition to the poll, the first round of which takes place on November 16 and which President Liamine Zeronal is strongly tipped to win.

The Socialist Forces Front (FFS) led by Hocine Ait-Ahmad, accused the militarybacked regime of wanting to "take over the votes" called for a total boycott "us-

ing all peaceful means."
The FLN meanwhile re-'commended a boycott in "certain areas," while in others voters would cast blank ballots, party Secretary-General Ahdul Hamid Mehri told a news

conference Sunday.

Mr. Mehri said the decision to implement only a partial boycott had been taken in the light of pressures that might be applied to voters. He said the election would not take place in conditions where freedom of

choice existed. The FLN and FFS were among eight opposition parties to sign a peace proposal in Rome earlier this year, including the banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), all of which have condemned the

They say the election is aimed at legitimising the ex-isting regime and will only exacerbate the current crisis.

The military-backed authorities annulled general elections three and a half years ago which the extremist Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) was poised to win, unleashing a wave of violence in which at least 30,000 people have been killed.

The country's most radical Islamic fundamentalist organisation, the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), has used the forthcoming election to step up its campaign of terror.
This weekend, the violence

which bas wracked Algeria over the last few years continued unabated, as extremday in an attack on a bus near Laghouat in the south, according to police.

Fifteen others were injured as the fundamentalists stormed the bus in what

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ALGIERS (AFP) - As security forces described as one of the bloodiest attacks in the country's civil war. Three small children and a

woman were among the dead, a statement by the security forces said. Most wounded were children.

The bus, owned by the town's public transport system, was on its way from Ghisha to Anfus, near Aflou, 250 kilometres south of Algiers. Security forces killed four

members of the commando, according to the statement. The attack carried out at 0 a.m. (0800 GMT) came newspapers reported Sunday that two people were killed and 12 injured in two separate car bombings Satur-

One, at Tipaza, 70 kilometres east of Algiers, aimed at a police hostel, killed two street cleaners and injured 10 other people. The hostel was wrecked and several nearby buildings

damaged.
At Drean, near Al Tarf in the far east of Algeria, a carbomb exploded outside a police station, injuring two passers-by and damaging the building.

In a separate incident Saturday, a blast in the heart of Algiers near the central police station that officials said was caused by a gas leak, killed five people and injured 10 others, according to the Al Mujahid and Liberte dailies

on Sunday. The official toll-was one dead and 11 injured. Several newspapers cast doubt on official claims that the blast was the result of an accident and suggested it had

been a bombing.
Thirty fundamentalists were killed in several operations, security services said Sunday in two separate communiques. Twenty six fun-damentalists were killed in five days, said one communi-

In another, security services said they had killed four members of an active cell after a shootout in Chlef.

The communique said weapons bad been seized as well as documents detailing the activities of the group. The communique said it was known to have carried out 18 killings and several arson and

sabotage attacks.
The latest deat 201 the number of fundamentalists killed over the last month, according to official communiques. The number of police killed has not

been made public.



QUAKE IN TURKEY: Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller on Monday comforts a villager watching rescue teams at work in the rubbles of buildings that collapsed in an earthquake that hit the Turkish village of Dinar late Sunday (see story on page one) (AFP photo)

## Craddling daughter, contented Arafat recalls 'longest revolution'

By Donna Abu Nasr The Associated Press

RELAXING HIGH above the Atlantic, Yasser Arafat was hardly recognisable.

A blue track suit replaced the usual farigues. Gone was the headdress that covers the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chief's baid pate as he held his two-month-old daughter for the first time and warmly kissed her tiny hand.

It was a rare tender moment for the former guerrilla, whose political manipulations and revolutionary fervour made his name nearly synonymous with Palestine for almost three decades.

On the flight to Washington last week to sign the latest autonomy. accord with Israel, Mr. Arafat ruminated on his years of being shunned by the United States, Israel and much of the world as a terrorist. Now, he appears to be nearing his goal of an independent

Methodically folding paper tissues into perfect triangles as he spoke, Mr. Arafat said patience has been the key to what he

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Yasser Arafat

termed "the longest revolution in the 20th century."
. "You have to be meti-

culous and patient in ev-erything you do," he told the Associated Press as the military plane made its bumpy descent into Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington. People who know him

ress other qualities too: a killer instinct and Macbiavellian bent that have enabled Mr. Arafat to outlast rivals and survive dozens of assassina-

As long-time head of the PLO, Mr. Arafat's modus operandi has been to centralise power and ensure members of his immediate circle are not tempted to band together

against him.
But last Wednesday's flight to Washington, in which he was reunited with bis family, provided Mr. Arafat with a brief chance to relax. He seemed ill-at-ease in re-

After shaking hands' with everyone aboard the plane provided by Morocco's King Hassan, he changed out of his revolutionary garb and settled on a blue blanket draped over three seats.

Moments later, an aide brought over his daughter Zahwa, who he had seen only once before - for 15 minutes after her July 24 birth in Paris.

There was no expression on Mr. Arafat's face as he studied the child whom bis wife, Soha, proudly describes as similar to Mr. Arafat in both looks and fiery spirit.

Then, in a rare display of affection, Mr. Arafat took hold of her tiny hand and kissed it.

## Beirut judge to question hardline Palestinian. leader

BEIRUT (R) — Lehanese authorities will question a Palestinian guerrilla chief accused of threatening to kill a government minister who he

government minister who he said described Palestinians as "human garbage," judicial sources said on Monday.

They said investigating Judge Abdullah Bitar issued a warrant ordering Colonel Munir Al Maqdah, head of a small Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) splinter faction opposed to the PLOfaction opposed to the PLO-Israeli peace deal, to appear before him on Wednesday for

The official National News Agency (NNA) said on Saturday a Beirut prosecutor charged Col. Maqdah with threatening to kill Tourism Minister Nichola Fattoush and slandering Interior Minister Michel Al Murr.

During a news conference at 'Ain Al Hilweh refugee camp in South Lebanon last Thursday Col. Magdah Iold reporters: "We will not allow to live for 24 hours the one who calls our Palestinian people garbage.

But on Monday, Col. Magdah said he had been misquoted.

"What I meant by my words is not a threat to one of the ministers to kill him as was attributed to me, but if the Palestinian people are garbage like the tourism minister said then he would have died himself from this garbage within 24 hours." Col. Maqdah said in a statement published by Beirut

dailie Earlier, several Lebanese newspapers quoted Mr. Fattoush as calling Palestinians "human garbage." Mr. Fattoush denied the reports.

Col. Maqdah was also accused of slandering Mr. Murr by saying he was a "traitor" like Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi who has threatened to deport thousands of Palestinians from Lihya.

Mr. Murr recently slapped entry restrictions on Palestinians with Lehanese travel documents and closed the sea transport route with Lihya 10 prevent expelled Palestinians. entering Lehanon.

## Officials fail to convince UAE family to abandon call for maid's execution

persuade the family of the man killed by Filipina maid. Sarah Balabagan to drop their demand for her execution in exchange for blood money, sources close to the family said on Monday.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) officials recently approached the family of Almas Mohammad Al Baloushi at their home in the oasis town of Al 'Ain and made the offer, the sources

about blood money and offered to pay it." one source, who asked to remain

anonymous, said. Baloushi's son Faraj, who represents the family in court, on Monday reiterated they would never back down on their demand for the death sentence to be carried

"Why should we ever accept blood money instead of the death sentence? She confessed to the killing and she should be executed," he

The blood money offer was the first sign that the government was seeking a reconciliation formula with the family in accordance with Islamic law.

An Islamic court in Al 'Ain on Sept. 16 sentenced Ms. Balabagan to death for the premeditated murder of Baloushi, her UAE em-

It rejected her claim that she stabbed him 34 times in self-defence after wrestling his knife away during a rape. Baloushi's family had repe-

atedly demanded the death sentence throughout Ms. Balabagan's trial, saying she stabbed him while be was

They still have the option of accepting blood money in-stead of the death sentence.

ABU DHABI (R) — Officials have tried but failed to according to Islamic law. But the family is sticking to their demand that she be executed.

"If Balabagan is pardoned or her sentence is reduced we will take this case to the government," said Faraj Al Baloushi.

If blood money is eventually accepted, the court will have to decide whether she will still have to serve a jail

The Balahagan case has stirted passions in the Philippines, reigniting furore that wept the country in March after another maid was hanged in Singapore for douhle murder.

Ms. Balabagan's parents and her sister are due to arrive in the UAE on Tuesday with a joint affidavit from the maid's hometown to show she was born on March 3. 1979. The UAE says she is 27, based on documents the

Philippines says were forged.
Philippines emhassy officials, under pressure to save Ms. Balabagan from execution, have eased diplomatic efforts to save her and are relying on defence lawyers who will begin her appeal

next Monday. "We have slowed down our diplomatic thrust to allow the case to be handled in the courts," one embassy official

UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan Al Nahayan ordered a retrial after the same Al 'Ain court convicted Ms. Balabagan of manslaughter and sentenced her to seven years imprisonment. It also concluded she had been raped and awarded

her compensation. Both sides had appealed against the first court's ver-

The UAE federal supreme court must endorse a death sentence and Sheikh Zayed must approve any execution.

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Vanunu goes on hunger strike

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Jailed nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu who revealed secrets on Israel's atomic arsenal is on hunger strike against being held in solitary confinement. his support committee announced Monday. "It's been almost two years that Mordechai Vanunu is asking to be held in more humane conditions. So he started a hunger strike on Sunday," said committee member Guideon Spiro. Mr. Vanunu, held in isolation since 1986, wants the right to receive visitors at Ashkelon prison in southern Israel, to be able to take his daily walk with other prisoners and for his mail not to be censored. Mr. Spiro said dozens of peace activists demonstrated on Saturday in front of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's house to demand the release of 40-year-old Vanunu. The supreme court is considering his appeal to be set free. He was kidnapped in Rome on Sept. 30, 1986, by agents of the Israeli secret service Mossad for revealing secrets on the state's nuclear arsenal to the British newspaper, The Sunday Times. Mr. Vanunu is serving an 18-year sentence for espionage and high treason.

#### Iran arrests 32 for deadly stoning attacks

NICOSIA (AP) - Iranian authorities have arrested 32 people for deadly stone-throwing attacks on trains around Tehran's main railroad station, the Islamic republic's state-run television network reported. It quoted the stateowned rail network's public relations department as saving that railroad authorities will deal severely with the stonethrowers rounded up over the last two days. It said that a young man who had caused the death of a 10-year-old girl by throwing stones at trains on the line from Tehran to the northwestern city of Tabriz had been identified and

#### Palestinian guerrilla killed in Lebanon

MARJAYOUN (R) — A Palestinian faction said on Monday one of its guerrillas was killed in a clash on Sunday with Israeli forces in South Lebanon. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command said in a statement one of its fighters was killed when Israeli forces in Arnoun in Israel's South Lehanon occupation zone fired artillery shells at the guerrillas outside the strip. The Damascus-based group said the Israeli shelling was prompted hy an attack by its fighters on an Israeli patrol using anti-tank rockets and machineguns, which killed or wounded a number of soldiers.

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Middle East business women's conference Majesty Queen Noor Monday delivered the keynote address at the first Middle

East business women's conference entitled, "Going International: Career Women and organised by the Middle East Consultants (MEC) in London, a Royal Court statement said.

The two-day conference, sponsored by the European Commission, the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce and Royal Jordanian Airline, covers a variety of topics ranging from new business opportunities in a changing world and effective image projection, to post-Beijing development and the media's perception of women.

The speakers at the MEC conference include British Member of Parliament Emma Nicholson, Chairman of the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce Sir Richard Beanmont, Secretary General of the Fourth United Nations World Con-Women ference Mongella, Gertrude Egypt's Minister of Social Development Dr. Amal Othman and the Jordanian founder of the Middle East Career Women Forum

Shermine Dajani, the statement said. During the opening cere-mony, former British Ambassador to Jordan Sir John Moberly praised "the distinguished role of the Oueen in directing and sponsoring projects and activities related to the fields of social welfare, mother and child health care, culture, education and women's development" saying that her role is

internationally.... In her speech, Queen Noor noted that the first of Middle Eastern husiness women's conference is being convened only two weeks after the Beijing delegates constituted the largest gathering of women in the history of the United Nations, the statement said.

The dual message of the Beijing conference, according to Queen Noor, focused on "the rights and dignity of women" as well as on "the rights and dignity of countries and cultures."

She said she hoped that the deliberations of the conference will emphasise not only women's opportunities,



rights, education, training and access to basic social and economic services but also called for a new global framework to produce a "more homane and equitable political and economic foundation upon which to build productive and sustainable relationships,"

According to the state-Queen Noor observed that the remarkable advances in female education in the Middle East have significantly increased the number of husiness and professional women, whose "enhanced economic role has helped, in turn, to create new jobs and to boost their participation in decision-making and national affairs."

The statement added that the Queen stressed that "well-known and highly. Islam has been one of Joresteemed" in Jordan and ... dan's greatest allies in the development of numerons projects and initiatives to accelerate women's participation in productive economic ventures, because it "recognises and protects women's property rights men and women alike --- to seek education."

She attributed progress of women in Jordan to two fundamental principles, equity and participation, which are "as relevant to relations hetween countries at the glohal level as they are to individuals at the local or national levels."

Queen Noor concluded her speech saying that the aim of such international gatherings is to heighten

the participants' awareness of the realities, needs, and aspirations of their colleagues and encouraged the MEC participants to keep abreast of developments related to the Middle East and North Africa Economic summit in Amman, which will have a substantial impact on international

region, She expressed her hope that the conference will provide Middle Eastern business women with opportunities to make an essential contribution to the global economy.

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The MEC, founded in 1983, is a private organisaspecialising in strengthening economic and commercial ties and cooperation between Europe and the Middle

Its diverse services include project development, political and economic assessment, assisting companies' entry to new markets and organising international conferences in Europe, Asia and the Middle East on critical issues such as water, the future of gas and the role of private enterprises in the United

The MEC is planning to hold the segnel to the business women's conference in Amman next year and to launch a forum for career women around the globe.

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# Visiting Bundestag official says Germany fully backs Middle East peace process

AMMAN (Petra) — Visiting Vice President of the German Parliament (Bundestag) Hans Klein, who Monday met with Jordan-ian parliamentarians to discuss Middle East peace and bilateral relations, said that Germany fully backs

the peace process. The Middle East peace process should be backed by all available means so that it can achieve a just and comprehensive settlement, said Mr. Klein adding that one should have an optimistic view on the peace

Voicing appreciation of the Jordanian government and people's efforts towards peace and development, Mr. Klein, who is accompanied by a representative delegation of all political streams in the Bundestag, said Jordanians are unique among the other people of the region because of their high standard of education.

Mr. Klein, who arrived in Amman Sunday evening for a six-day visit, said Germany appreciates the role of His Majesty King Hnssein in promoting democtratic life in Jordan and in seeking a jnst and durable peace adding that his conntry would offer all that it can to back the Kingdom's

endeavours for peace. Mr Klein met with Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Lawzi, who voiced Jordan's appre-



Deputy Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Abdul Hadi Majali and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Abdullah Ensour Monday meet with visiting Vice President of the German Parliament Hans Klein and an accompanying parliamenary delegation (Petra photo)

ciation of German assitance to the Kingdom in all fields. Mr. Lawzi reviewed with Mr Klein the ongoing peace

process and Jordanian-German relations. At a meeting with Chair-

man of the Lower House of

Parliament's Affairs Committee Abdullah Ensour, the two parliamentarians discussed the peace process.

Dr Ensour urged Germany and the other European countries to support the people of Israel and the Arah people around the Mr. Klein and his delegation met also with Abdul

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er of House, to review Jordanian parliamentary life and to learn about the country's democratic march.

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Speaker Sa'ad Hayel Srour is on an official visit

## Princess Basma announces establishment of women's committee for southern Jordan Valley

GHOR SAFI (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Monday visited Ghor Safi in the southern part of the country and announced the establishment of a women's committee for the southern Jordan Valley region.

Speaking at a meeting with representatives of women's unions and local officials, the Princess said the committee will organise and promote the potentials of local women and increase their participation in public life.

Referring to municipal councils which group women members, the Princess said she takes pride in their efforts to serve their local communi-

There is a need to pursue these efforts to ensure the success of the Jordanian

women's experiment in the councils' activities and women's work alongside men, especially in helping to improve the conditions of rural communities, said Princess Basma.

She discussed Jordanian women's participation in the World Conference on Women held recently in Beijing and said that they were active in the various workshops and general meetings. Princess Basma added that the women displayed deep self-confidence and genuine interest in helping to improve the women's status.

The Princess later took part in an open dialogue about rural women's needs. Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Nader Thuheirat and other officials were present at the meeting .



Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Monday discusses promoting the potential of women in public life at a meeting with local officials in Ghor Safi (Petra photo)

#### Regent

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teachers' abilities and the educational process is a must so that Arabs can meet the requirements and the challenges of the coming 21st century. "Isolationism and close-

ness to the outside world and sectarian and ethnic considerations are elements for retrogression that should be shunned as they would never help the Arab World to progress," the Regent warned.

"Adaptation with the requirements of the modern age and development of education and teachers' capabilities are essential elements for improving social conditions and dealing with such issues as poverty and unemployment of different sorts." said the Prince, who stressed the need for linking educa-

tion with the requirements of local labour markets. The Regent said that no

changes or reforms were possible if the whole task of reform was shouldered by the government. He said that reform and changes should start from the base and through the efforts of teachers and educators. University of Jordan Presi-

dent Fawzi Gharaibeh addressed the opening session, underlining the import-ance of the pan-Arab conference as a means for exploring the future requirements of education.

In the first working session, Prince Hassan and the audience listened to a lecture by Minister of Education Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh entitled "The Challenges of Arab Education in the Coming Century.

The Regent also took part in the subsequent dialogue

over the different points of the lecture, which focused attention on the central role of teachers in education.

Prince Hassan also presented certificates to veteran educationists in the Arab World in recognition of their efforts to develop the educational systems of their coun-

Later on Monday, the Regent chaired a meeting at the Higher Council for Science and Technology (HCST) on topics related to the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) conference to be held here later this month.

Present at the meeting were His Royal Highness Prince Talal Ben Mohammad, His Majesty King Hussein's military secretary. acting Prime Minister Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh and other officials including the minister of information and other

# WHAT'S COING ON

**SEMINAR** 

"The Art of Photography" by critic Adnan Hussein at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Arts, Gardens Street at 6.30 pm.

FAIR

Display of Algerian products at Amman International Exhibit at Mari Al Hamam (11:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m.)

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

\*Photography exhibition "Islam in Spain" at Instituto Cervantes, Jabal Amman \*Abstract art by the Syrian artist Mohammad Daghestani at the Phoenix Gallery. \* Jordanian-Syrian-Turkish products at King Abdullah Gardens, Al Bassam Hall. Works by Lamia Abdel Sahib and Samer Ousama entitled "Aux Sources Orientales de la Fontaine," at the French Cultural

#### protection of sustainable ecosystem AMMAN (J.T.) - Minister Agenda 21 is in reference

of Water and Irrigation Saleh Irsheidat Monday opened a four-day meeting on water management by calling for regional cooperation in water shortages. Regional cooperation is

the only way to assist countries with short water supplies, Mr. Irsheidat said. Cooperation also belps to minimise tensions over water in the region, the minister said in his address to the Expert Group Meeting on the Implications of Agenda 21 for Integrated Water Management in the

(ESCWA) region.

Israeli peace treaty, the minister said. He added that the joint

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

to the agenda of the next century. Jordan is working hard to

implement the water agreement of the Jordanian-

water committee has been working on provisions contained in the water agreements starting with the South Tiberias-King Abdullah canal pipeline. On the national level,

there are many activities in the Ministry of Water and Irrigation that need to be implemented such as the establishment of a national water policy, updating the

attending a conference on

water master plan and carrying out a conservation and national public awareness campaign, Mr. Irshei-

Meeting focuses on water consumption safety,

ESCWA Executive Secretary Hazem Belhawi addressed the opening session to say that the meeting was dedicated to discussing issues which deal with the quality and supply of fresh water and the management

the meeting, he said, is to provide safe water to the population while ensuring the sustainable efficiency of the hydrological, biological and chemical factors of the natural ecosystem.

ESCWA secretariat has prepared three working papers on the assessment and control of water qualidat said. ty, with special emphasis on the problems of the increas-

and use of water resonrces. The general purpose of

Eovironment Programme (UNEP) which organised the meeting with ESCWA, said delegates will concentrate their discussions on the concept of integrated management of water resources and on preparing integrated plans suitable for each of the countries in the region.

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statement the meeting will also review progress in the planning, development and management of water resources and ways of attaining optimal use of available water resources.

The meeting aims to disseminate detailed information on Agenda 21 and on issues which focus on freshwater resources, the statement said.

Participating in the meeting are government-designated delegates from 12 countries in Western Asia along with UN specialists

## Ministry seeks international assistance in waste disposal

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources is seeking international assistance from oil-producing countries to help it dispose of waste residues resulting from the burning of oil at the Zarka refinery, according to its minister, Samih

Speaking Monday upon

his return to Amman after

Darwazeh.

energy beld in Venezuela, Mr. Darwazeh said the ministry is seeking assistance in a bid to protect the country from pollution.

He said discussions on this issue were held with ministers attending the four-day conference that

ended on Sept. 28. Ministers responsible for energy and oil from more

than 40 countries taking part in the meeting discussed the issue of sulphur disposal and nitrogen oxide waste and their adverse effects on the environment.

Delegates representing both oil-producing and oilconsuming countries discussed means of utilising modern technology to deal with this problem, Mr. Darwazeh said.

During the conference the minister discussed the supplies of liquefied gas to Jordan from Oatar with that country's oil minister.

The Oatari minister said that his government is still conducting studies in cooperation with an American company on the best means of supplying Jordan with the liquefied gas, Mr. Darwazeh said.

Talks were also held with the Algerian oil minister focusing on hilateral cooperation in gas and oil related affairs, according the minister.

Mr. Darwazeh said he also met with the Saudi oil minister and discussed Saudi gas supplies to Jordan but declined to give further details.

## Colombo mounts big offensive against rebels

Heavy hand-to-hand battles casualties were caused by raged in northern Sri Lanka mortar bombs fired by the Monday as the military LTTE, defence sources said, launched a major offensive against Tamil rebels, losing at least 12 soldiers in the initial fighting, defence offi-

Thousands of soldiers from the Palaly military complex in the Jaffna peninsula advanced towards positions of the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), who were providing stiff resistance, said military spokesman Sarath Munasinghe.

Defence sources said at least 12 soldiers were killed and about 50 to 60 troopers southeast of Palaly.

wounded. Most of the army adding the military offensive was aimed at taking out the rebel gun positions, which had been used in recent weeks to attack the airfield at Palaly.

The rebels' clandestine radio, the Voice of Tigers, said six civilians were killed and 53 wounded in the army action but this could not be independently confirmed. It said no rebels had been killed.

offensive began and troops had The Snnday reached Atchchuveli to the

ing in Atcbebuveli which they re-took from the terrorists. There are lot of terrorist casualties and we are in the process of taking stock now," a defence source said.

The LTTE said that 5,000 ground troops were involved in the army's advance and claimed that thousands of civilians were fleeing the battle zone and seeking refuge in the western part of the peninsula.

"Aerial and artillery bombardments are being extensively used to pave the way for the ground troops to advance... LTTE fighters are giving stiff resistance in order to halt the military

"Troops are now dominat- advance," the LTTE said in complex to mount an even a separate statement issued from its London office end of the year.

Monday. An offensive in Jaffna had been expected before the onset of monsoon rains which make prolonged fighting more difficult for both sides.

Heavy rains prevent the use of main battle tanks on muddy terrain but also make the crude locally-made antipersonnel mines ineffective when water gets into the battery operated triggering

The Voice of Tigers said the army had some 35,000 soldiers stationed inside the sprawling Palaly military bigger offensive before the

The Tiger remarks came as Deputy Defence Minister Anuruddha Ratwatte told a meeting with the Buddhist clergy Sunday that the war with the Tamil Tigers would be fought to a finish within three months.

The Tamil Tigers are leading a protracted campaign for an independent homeland for the island's Tamil minority concentrated in the northern and eastern regions. More than 50,000 people have died in the 23year-old conflict.

## Burmese envoy says talks with

Suu Kyi not needed

BANGKOK (AFP) – The Burmese ambassador to Thailand said talks on reforms Burma's military gov-ernment and dissident democratic leader Aung San Suu Kyi were unnecessary, a local newspaper said Monday.

The government's National Convention was formed for the purpose of drafting a new constitution and would have sole responsibility for political reform. Ambassador Tin Winn

told the Bangkok Post. "As the process is going very smoothly, we don't need dialogue with anybody." he was cited as saying. Embassy officials said the interview had taken place but they could not immediately confirm what had been

discussed. The junta's first secreary, Lientenant General Khin Nyunt, last month told U.S. Ambassador to the United Narious Madeleine Albright that talks with Ms. Sun Kyi, released from almost six years of bouse arrest in July, were being consid-

ered. Gen. Khin Nyunt bas accepted an invitation from the Thai embassy in Rangoon to pay an official visit to Thailand, but the trip has not yet been Burmese embassy offi-

Conventioo would resume deliberations on Oct. 24, the Burmese embassy said. Opposition leaders have said that those voicing alternatives to the draft constitution are suppressed both inside and

outside the convention. Qualified civilians would be eligible to serve as the next president, but the military would hold one of two vice-presidential posts even though it did not have a party, Mr. Tin Winn told the Bangkok

Post. "It is not true that the president must have a military background, but must have military knowledge," because the country needed a strong government to unite 155 minority groups, the newspaper

cited him as saying. Under the draft constitotion, marriage to a foreigner disqualifies a Burmese citizen from serving as president, eliminating from contention Ms. Snu Kyi, wbose National League for Democracy (NLD)

tions in 1990. The ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council refused to recognise the results and hand over power until a new constitution ensuring a role for the military in politics was in

place. Most of the NLD

leadership was arrested.

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## Bangladesh Prime Minister Khaleda Zia (left) distributes cooked rice to a group of flood victims during an unscheduled visit to some of the flood shelters in worsthit northern Dinajpur district (AFP photo)

as floods kill more than 100 political DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) - Troops were deployed in Bangladesh to rescue millions of people trapped by floods that have killed more than 100 people in the last five days, newspapers said

Convention Monday. At least 20 deaths were reported by Sangbad newspaper which quoted residents of the innundated villages and towns. But the government said

they could confirm only 17 deaths since Wednesday. Wide gaps between official and newspaper figures are common in Bungladesb, where the government is slow in releasing number of fatalines.

The floods in the northern districts, caused by beavy rains, bave affected more than 3 million people, said Harun Al Rashid, the junior minister for disaster and relief. One-third of them were trapped in their flooded homes, unable to move to safer places, he said in an interview.

Troops in speed boats will try to ferry the hardest-bit

The military was called in after Prime Minister Khaleda Zia visited the flood-affected areas, 190 kilometres north of Dhaka Sunday. Road links between the

Bangladesh troops deployed

capital, Dhaka, and at least nine worst-affected districts have been cut off because swirling flood waters washed away several highway bridges, the Bengalilanguage Janakantha newspaper said.

Some Gainbandha, Naogaon and Santahar districts went under up to one metre of water and many residents fled and took shelter on the highways and atop flood embankments.

Angered by slow supply of relief material, like food and medicines, about 500 people attacked and ransacked a government office in Dinajpur district Sunday. Janakantha newspaper said.

This is the third spate of floods in oorthern Bangladesh this year. More

## than 200 people were killed villagers to safer places, be in the earlier floods. Philippine storm kills

Monday. Relief officials said they feared the death toll would rise once reports were received from areas cut off

Hardest hit was the town storm ravaged it with floods and mudflows as high as six metres at the

The dead included two members of a seven-man rescue team swamped by mud falls Sunday night while trying to help fami-lies stranded on the roofs of their houses, he said. The five other rescue team members are among the missing.

Another 18 people were crushed to death by landslides in the mountainous Ifugao province further north, rescuers said.

More than 30 others were killed elsewhere in the country, including 18 whose bouses were buried in landslides in the remote southern town of Valencia

provinces and 20 cities as it churned up the entire areas.

tions in many areas. Cabalantian into a virtual wasteland, with most structures buried in the mudflows from nearby Mount Pinatubo volcano, Ananias Canlas, mayor of the told reporters after an aeri-

al survey. About 8,000 Cabalantian residents fled to the roofs of their bouses Sunday to escape the mud falls and the floods, the state-owned Philippine News Agency

The mudflows consist of tonnes of debris dumped on Pinatubo's slopes by its violent 1991 eruption. The deposits turn into deadly

storms hit the Philippines communities

the southern coast of China.

President Fidel Ramos. who was to return later Monday from an overnight visit to Malaysia, to declare a state of emer-

#### Fergie and her prince feady to try again - paper

LONDON (R) - "Forgie" the fallen duchess and her estranged husband Prince Andrew are in love again and ready to get back together, bucking a trend of marital splits among Britain's royals and VIPs, Monday's Sun newspaper said. They are now closer than they have ever been since they split up." it quoted an unnamed roval official as saying. The Sun said the couple, who married in 1986 but separated in 1992 — followed a few months later by Prince Andrew's brother, Prince Charles, and his wife, Princess Diana — were on the brink of resuming married life. The couple had enjoyed a secret holiday rogether in Spain - "like our honeymoon but better", the duchess was quoted as saying — and were spending up to four nights a week in each other's company, the tabloid said. It is unclear whether a reconciliation would please the royal establishment. which grew hostile to Prince Andrew's wife Sarah - her nickname comes from her maiden name. Ferguson - after she was deemed too frivolous and lightweight to be a royal. The couple bave two daughters, seven-year-old Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie. aged five. For heir to the throne Prince Charles and Princess Diana, reconciliation seems a faint prospect. Most Britons think they should divorce and put their marriage out of its misery, according to a weekend poll conducted after Princess Diana was blamed in the media for helping wreck the marriage of popular rugby hero Will Carling, In an article next to the Prince Andrew and Fergle good-news story on the Sun's front page; Carling said he had been naive and stupid over his friendship with Princess Diana. It has been a bad few months for Britain's most glamorous partnerships. Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson, the country's golden acting couple, said this weekend they were separating and in the summer, actor Hugh-Grant's arrest with a Hollywood prostitute put his relationship with supermodel Liz Hurley in jeop-

#### Danish police arrest jailbreak mastermind

COPENHAGEN (R) Danish police arrested in a. remote farmhouse the presumed mastermind behind: a spectacular mass jailbreak one month ago whena bulldozer smashed a bolein the prison wall. Lars-Hitchinson, dubbed the "escape king" by the media because he bas broken out of jail eight times, was: arrested along with a fellow fugitive and convictedmurderer, police inspector-Anders Eg said. Mr. Hitchinson, a 31-year-old. narcotics trader, was arrested with Steen Reinholdt. 28, outside Viborg in northwestern Jutland after a tipoff from neighbours.

#### Mussolini was mad about Mickey Mouse

ROME (R) — Italy's stern fascist dictator Benito Mussolini was mad about Mickey Mouse, hailed Snow White And The Seven Dwarves as a masterpiece and sang Disney songs to his children at home, according to his son Romano. The dictator, dubbed "Il Duce", had a very friendly meeting with his comic-creator hero, Walt Disney, in Rome, in 1935, Romano told the magazine Immagini E. Furnetti. "He took him to (his official residence) Villa Torlonia and they talked about Mickey Mouse, Minnie and Donald Duck." Romano remembered his father being so: taken with Snow White that he wanted to see it again and again.

## Hundreds of Kashmir rebels die in factional fighting

SRINAGAR, India (AFP) Hundreds of Muslim guerrillas have died in Kashmir in internecine clashes, and the scores of heavily armed rebel groups continue to battle it out for

supremacy. guerilla Heavily-armed groups frequently train their guns on each other, and virtually every one of the dozens of militant groups has suffered splits since a Muslim insurgency erupted in the northern Indian state in 1989.

It is a development which immensely pleases the Indian authorities, who have deployed tens of thousands of army and paramilitary troops to fight militants New Delhi claims are armed and trained by neigh-

bouring Pakistan. Kashmir's leading proindependence group, the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), broke up last month after its Srinagar-based President Yasin Malik and Pakistanbased Chairman Amanullah Khan expelled each other.

The military commanders of the rival JKLF factions denounced immediately each other as Indian agents. The emergence of rene-

gade militant leader Kuka Parray, who is dnbbed an Indian stooge by other Mnslim separatist groups, as a force to reckon with in recent months has further complicated the situation in Kashmir.

"All militant outfits are concerned about the present situation," said Ali Shah Geelani, chairman of the Jamiat-E-Islami, wbose military arm, the Hizbul Mujahedeen, is Kashmir's

dominant guerrilla group. "(The factional fighting) is a matter of concern," he said. Muslim sources blame the Hizb for most of the internecine battles, which have claimed the lives of an estimated 900 militants since 1989.

A Muslim leader said on

condition of anonymity that groups attack it, the Hizb is 207 guerrillas were killed in factional fighting in 1993, 311 in 1994 and 165 so far

this year. The Hizbul Mujahedeen and the JKLF were locked in fierce gunbattles in 1992 and 1993 in Srinagar and all over the Kashmir Valley, and the former eventually came ont on top. The Hizb has also attacked almost all other groups, in particular the Muslim Mujahedeen and Ikhwan-Ul-Muslimoon.

sparked by ideological and personality differences. The JKLF favours independence for Kashmir, which is beld by both India and Pakistan, while the Hizb and most other mili-

Most clashes have been

tant groups want Indian Kashmir to merge with Pakistan. Jamiat's Geelani dismissed charges that the Hizb bad sparked factional feuds. "The Hizb has not initiated any of the fight-

ing," he said. "When other

Mr. Parray, 47, who beads

the Ikhwan-Ul-Muslimoon group and has his headquarters at Hajin, some 40 kilometres from Srinagar, has vowed to finish off the Indian officials say one

compelled to retaliate."

reasoo a large number of Islamic mercenaries, mainly Afghans, were crossing into Kashmir from Pakistan was because local militants had become weak dne to internecine clashes and the pressure exerted by Indian

A Kashmir official said the factional fighting was nothing surprising.

This was a natural thing to bappen considering the number of (militant) groups bere," said Kashmir government spokesman Kulbushan Jindiyal. "some want to join Pakistan, some want complete independence.

"What else could one

## Shevardnadze tightens grip on power in Georgia

Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze has tightened to have profited most from in the runup to November Affairs Minister Sbota effectively eliminating two of the three competing

armed organisations. The former balance of power in Georgia, between the police, the ex-KGB and the Mkhedrioni, a paramilitary organisation that bad semi-official status as the "rescue corps," is now ended.

In a dramatic address Sunday, Mr. Shevardnadze accused the Mkhedrioni and the ex-KGB of harbouring a tlefield execution of six clique of coup plotters responsible for a wave of assassinations that cnlminated with a failed car bomb attack on Mr. Shevardnadze himself on Aug. 29.

A warrant has been made out for the arrest of Igor Giorgadze, the former chief the ex-KGB, now accused of masterminding the plot. And Mr. Shevardnadze branded the rescue corps a "refuge for criminal elements" and

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over the regular police. With his rivals eliminated, Mr. Kviraya bas emerged uncontested as Georgia's most powerful minister.

Mr. Shevardnadze appears convinced of Mr. Kviraya's loyalty, although opponents call the police chief ruth-The Mikhedrioni boss,

Dzhaba Iosseliani publicly accused Mr. Kviraya of personally carrying out the batlooters during the 1993 war with separatists in Abkhazia. Western journal-

ists who say they were present at that incident claim they had their videotape confiscated.

internal affairs minister was Shevardnadze's side.

In the days after the August bombing attack, the

constantly seen by Mr. In Mr. Shevardnadze's speech Sunday denouncing the ex-KGB and the rescue

Affairs Ministry deserved no less feared. "special credit for exposing his grip on power this week the campaign is Internal these notorious acts."

Mr. Sbevardnadze himself Georgia's Internal ority Affairs Ministry in the 1970's before becoming the Communist Party boss of the then Soviet Republic of Georgia and seems comfortable placing power in the hands of that ministry's reg-

ular police. The security service, as the ex-KGB is known, was crippled by top-level arrests in the weeks following the Angust attack, but the charges against Mr. Giorgadze now seem to make the downfall of its

leadership complete. Mr. Giorgadze, is believed to be in Moscow, where he fled shortly after being disfollowing the missed

August attack. Mr. Shevardnadze said Sunday that Moscow prosecutors have promised to extradite Mr. Giorgadze if

he is found. The sudden fall of the ex-KGB leaders has been

corps, be said the Internal · Mkhedrioni, who were once Mr. Iosseliani was the

> most powerful member of the coalition of warlords installed Shevardnadze in power in 1992. In the years that followed, Mr. Shevardnadze allowed the Mkhedrioni to set up as the de facto authority in local governments across the republic.

But earlier this year Mr. Shevardnadze began to strengthen the Internal Affairs Ministry presence in the provinces. In April he ordered the Mkhedrioni disarmed.

Since the August bombing, the Mkhedrioni have also been battered by arrests of their top level people, and Mr. Iosseliani was forced to abandon his presidential bid.

Mr. losseliani himself. however, has not been charged with any wrongdoing, although drugs and weapons were found in his office following the August matched by the fall of the attack.

## Murayama faces strident attack in parliament

up demands for Prime Minister Tomiichi election results for his Socialist Party and the government's inept handling of the ecocomy.

"Japan's citizens bave made a clear expression of no confidence in the murayama administration." opposition leader Tsutomu Hata told parliament. "The right way to take

responsibility is to quit," said Mr. Hata, Mr. Murayama's predecessor as prime minister and a senior leader of the opposition Shinshinto (New Frontier Party).

But Mr. Mursyama vowed to stay at the helm of what he last week christened the "government of economic recovery".

"We will continue to maintain the coalition and implement reform and responsible politics, Mr. Murayama told parliament in answer to the criticism. Mr. Murayama's coalition

TOKYO (R) — Japan's of Socialists, the Liberal opposition Monday stepped Democratic Party (LDP) and the Sakigake party retains a majority in both Murayama's resignation houses of parliament — over what it called poor even though the electorate even though the electorate dealt each of the parties an embarrassing blow in last

July's upper house polls. Mr. Hata's attack on the government opened the parliamentary question-andanswer session at the start of a 46-day extraordinary diet session.

The focus of the session is a five trillion Yen (\$50 billion) supplementary budget, the largest extra budget to be submitted in Japan's par-

measures unveiled earlier this month. which includes additional public works spending and funds for infrastructure and research in new industries.

The budget forms part of a 14.2 trillion Yen (\$142 billion) package of economic Murayama But there are also internal

In addition to hlasting murayama's 15-month-old government for clinging to power, Mr. Hata faulted the administration for taking economic policy, analysis only half-measures on the expect the two sides to em Japanese island,

"Government economic measures stop at mere treatments," he said, echoing economists' criticism that Mr. Murayama's wobbly coalition has not taken the drastic reform measures

necessary to cure Japan's economic ills. Mr. Hata called for bolder steps to deal with financial institutions' bad loans and more efforts to overhaul the tax system and cut government red tape.

By stressing tax reform deregulation, Shinshinto is seeking to seize the high ground on reform steps that experts say are necessary for Japan to end its prolonged recession but which the ruling coalition is bitterly divided

divisions within Shinshinto over the issue and that makes the 10-month-old conservative opposition body vulnerable. Even if the opposition and ruling camps cooperate on

come to blows over the administration's proposed bill to tighten government control on religious groups.

The bills were ostensibly drafted in response to the fatal gassings, kidnappings and other criminal acts allegedly committed by the doomsday Aum Shinri Kyo (Supreme Trnth Sect).

But Shinshinto leaders say the LDP-inspired bill is an underhand attempt to reign in the lay Buddhist group Soka Gakkai, whose nationwide network supports the opposition. "Moves to revise the religious organisation law are extremely political and come from extremely impure motives," said Mr. Hata.

Also looming as an explosive issue is debate over the U.S.-Japan security relationship amid mounting public anger over the rape last month of a young Okinawan schoolgirl, allegedly by U.S. servicemen stationed on the south-

#### 100, scores missing scheduled, cials said. FERNANDO, length of the country. The National Philippines (R) — At least

100 people were killed and 100 others missing after tropical storm Sybil battered the Philippines, swamping towns and triggering mudflows and landslides, rescuers said

from the capital Manila by a breakdown in power and communications. northern Cabalantian in Pampanga province, where more than 50 people died after the

weekend, a local official said.

on Mindanao Island. The storm, with winds of 95 kilometres an hour near its centre, battered 30

wrecking hundreds of bomes and knocking out power and communica-

The storm turned neighbouring town of Bacolor north of Manila,

said.

rivers of mud when loosened by rains. About 20 typhoons and every year, making mudflows a regular menace to

Pinatubo. Sybil moved out of the country early Monday morning, heading towards

Defence Secretary Renato De Villa described the devastation as "a major disaster.\* He said he expected

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**Comoros** 

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local troops on edge four

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ies toppled the government

A committee set up by the

coup leaders named two

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a secretary-general before

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to strengthen public sup-

State-run Comoros Radio

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dents as Mohammad Taki

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general as Omar Tamou.

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Soldiers who backed last Thursday's coup spearheaded hy the 66-year-old French soldier of fortune and some 20 white mercenaries appeared more edgy Monday, refusing to allow foreign journalists even to approach the barracks

entrance. "There is a plan in place for the evacuation of the 1,487 French nationals if it is warranted," said French embassy Consul Alain Goulier, declining to comment about the French military moves.

He also declined to say how many members of the former government had sought asylum in the French embassy in Moroni. ckey Views and haled ow White And Indeed ow White And Indeed own District Openies "The solution depends on the departure of the mercenaries and the restoration of political institutions without the president," said Sultan Chouzour, à former ambassador to Paris.

"We don't want Djohar and Denard should leave as quickly as possible," he told Reuters. The problem of Denard's presence is its deffect on international opinion with the Comoros depending on international

the Torkina and they ked about aid for about 80 per cent of its income." The former government has appealed to the internared his failer white are with Suow tional community to withhold recognition of the new power in Moroni.



Philippine President Fidel Ramos (right) chats with Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad before their official meeting in Knala Lumpur. Mr. Ramos arrived in Malaysia for a two-day working visit (AFP photo)

## Ramos seeks South East Asian unity

Malaysia (AP) — South East Asian nations must strive for greater unity if they want to establish peace, freedom and stabili-Philippine President ty, Philippine President Fidel Ramos said Monday.

Mr. Ramos, who arrived Sunday for a two-day visit, was speaking at the opening of an international discourse and exhibition on Filipino freedom fighter Jose P. Rizal, organised jointly by institutes in the two coun-

Mr. Ramos said Rizal, who died in 1896, was the first regional fighter against colonialism and that those in the region now are the beneficiaries.

"Our task today is to enrich this legacy of liberty, to shape South East Asia's future according to our nohlest hopes. And this we can do only if we strive for a higher unity than we have

"Only the unification of South East Asia will enable us to take command of our own fortunes and establish a zone of peace, freedom and stability," Mr. Ramos said

LUMPUR, in an address to about 300 guests from more than 10

He said that only in the past few decades was the destiny of the region in the hands of South East Asians and that the task for regional leaders is 'to build new relations, design new institutions, that will ensure enduring peace and prosper-

The Association of South East Asian Nations, comprising the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei and Vietnam, will be expanded to include Laos, Cambodia and Burma soon. "Some of us gathered here will die without seeing the

dawn of South East Asian

unity. But we can now lay

the groundwork for this unification," Mr. Ramos said. Information Minister Mohammad Rahmat said Malaysia staged the conference because "the younger generation has forgotten how their elders fought to freedom, These get our meetings will remind them

Mr. Mohammad Said Rizal was chosen rather than other Asian freedom fighters like Mahatma Ghandi of India, because "Rizal was from this region and he was a Malay like us."

Rizal, born in the Philippines in 1861, went to Spain at age 21 to study and speak about freedom. He led a popular nationalist movement Philippines before he was executed by the Spanish

authorities 99 years ago, a

few years before they lost

power to the United States. The Rizal Exhibition features pictures of Rizal from the time of his youth and about 50 books by him and others. Mr. Ramos gave Malaysia a bronze hust of Rizal, which Malaysia will

exhibit in one of it's muse-

The Philippines broke off diplomatic ties with Malaysia in 1963 over a territorial dispute. Relations resumed a few years later but remained cool until after and get them to preserve that freedom." Mr. Ramos took, over, in

## North Korean leader turns down requests to assume power — report

SEOUL (AFP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong-II has not heeded repeated calls to assume the country's top posts, showing what the North's media called "prudent and polished" state management, monitors here said Monday.

In a broadcast Sunday, Central Radio in Pyongyang said Mr. Kim had "held back" from the calls by his aides to succeed his father, Kim II-Sung, as head of state, said Naewoe Press, an official South Korean monitoring agency.

The broadcast said the younger Kim showed his "prudent and polished management of state affairs." unprecedented in the succession of power in other countries and beyond the comprehension of ordinary

The broadcast, which cited an unidentified Russian commentary, came amid massive Pyongyang's preparations for the Oct. 10 anniversary celebrations of the founding of the counNaewoe said.

Similar reports were carried earlier by the North's media, but the latest one was noteworthy as it came amid widespread speculation over whether the junior Kim will use the date to formally assume power next week, it said.

"As yet, there have been no definite indications Kim will formally assume power on Oct. 10," a Naewoe analyst told AFP.

Until floods devastated North Korea in July and August, many academics and Pyongyang-watchers here had speculated Kim would seize on Oct. 10 as an appropriate occasion to assume the two top posts party general secretary and president.

But most now say they feel the younger Kim will wait until the country has recovered from the effects of the floods, leaving the country's presidency and party leadership vacant. On Sept. 22, the South's Korea's legislature.

try's ruling Workers' Party, intelligence chief said Mr. Kim, the eldest son of Kim II-Sung who died in July of last year, was delaying his formal rise to power "neither because of ill health nor internal conflict."

In Tokyo, Kyodo News Service ran an interview with Kim Song U, chairman of North korea's Committee for the Promotion of External Economic

Cooperation, strengthened convictions that the younger Kim would not assume the party's official beim on Oct. 10.

Kim Jong-II would himself decide when to assume the party leadership, Mr. Kim Song U said, in the interview from Bangkok.

Mr. Kim Song U also noted that before Mr. Kim became head of state, an official event would have to be held to recommend him in the job, followed by election by the Supreme People's Assembly, North

## Simpson jury faces difficult decision

LOS ANGELES (R) -After nine months of testimony, the jury in the O.J. Simpson trial began deliberations Monday to decide if the former football great is guilty of murdering his exwife and her friend.

With the eyes of the world watching them, the mostly black jury of 10 men and two women face a difficult task: Do they agree with prosecutors and convict O.J. Simpson of murdering Nicole Brown Simpson and friend Ronald

Goldman? Or do they agree with Simpson's defence team, which characterised the legendary sports hero as a victim of a police conspiracy, and vote to acquit him?

When the jury of nine hlacks, two whites and one Hispanic begin their deliberations, they will have more than 40,000 pages of

evidence and 1,000 exhibits to help them.

sequestered in a hotel since Jan. 11, told Judge Lance Ito they would deliberate six days a week, Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. pdt (1600 to 2400 GMT), with one hour for lunch.

Most observers expect the jury to take at least 10 days to two weeks to reach a ver-

Among the choices are acquittal, conviction on either first-degree or second-degree murder, or a split verdict.

If Simpson is acquitted, he cannot be tried again for the crime under double jeopardy rules. However, if he is found guilty of first-degree murder he will spend the

rest of his life behind bars. Even though California has the death penalty, the maximum punishment Simpson can receive is life in prison because prosecutors waived their right last The jury, which has been year to seek the death penal-

ty in this case. If the jury finds Simpson guilty of two counts of second-degree murder, Ito can sentence Simpson to at least 15 years in prison.

A hung jury, which some observers maintain is possible, would mean Simpson could be tried again for the murders.

Simpson, who has steadfastly denied he bad anything to do with the murders, did not testify in the

Famed attorney Alan Dershowitz, who is a member of the defence team, defended the decision Sunday, saying it would have diverted attention from flaws in the prosecution's

"We were all very satisfied be would have been a superb witness and be would have testified without the need for much preparation," Mr. Dershowitz said on CNN.

# Portugal's Socialists see stable government after winnig polls

LISBON (R) — Portugal's triumphant Socialist Party was confident Monday of forming a stable and durable government despite falling short of an absolute parliamentary majority in

Sunday's vote. "I believe the Socialist vote was sufficiently strong and clear to guarantee a government lasting the whole of the legislature's four-year life," senior party official Joaquim Pina Moura said in a radio inter-

The Socialist Party had its best ever result Sunday, winning just under 44 per cent of the vote to end a decade of rule by the centreright Social Democrats (PSD).

Although the final count looks set to leave the Socialists a few seats short of outright control of the 230-member parliament, Portuguese President Mario Soares will ask party leader Antonio Guterres to form a government.

But the summons will take some days as there are still eight seats in parliament to be awarded — the four elected by Portugal's emigrants and four constituencies where the ballot will be re-taken after local protest-



Fernando Nogueira

ers prevented voting..
The fresh vote will be held on Oct. 8 while the emigrant ballots will be counted on Oct. 11. Only after that will soares will be free to offer guterres formally the man-

Political analysts expected the Socialist Party, which had never won more than 37 per cent in a national election before, to end up with 112 seats to the PSD's 88 hard-left Communist Party and the right-wing Popular Party

having 15 each. After the Socialists, the other big winner in

Popular Party which tripled its parliamentary presence from the five members it held in the previous legisla-A Socialist victory had

Sunday's vote was the

been widely predicted by the opinion polls and the fact that the party nearly secured an absolute majority was reassuring for financial markets which had feared the instability that could come with a weak administration.

The Socialist strength in parliament is more than any two of the opposition parties combined, which is a positive result," said Rui Martins Dos Santos, chief economist with Banco Portugues De Investimento.

The centre-right PSD and the PP will not be able to bring down a Socialist government without turning to the Communists for help, something that would be politically difficult.

We are very close to an absolute majority. 1 don't see how they can join together to bring down the government," Mr. Guterres told a news conference Sunday night.

The Socialists, who have moved sharply towards the political centre since the heady days of the 1974 revolution that brought parliamentary democracy to Portugal, have promised "change without trauma".

The party is committed to free market economic policies and 10 continuing the privatisations begun hy the PSD government of outgoing Premier Anibal Cavaco

It has said that creating the conditions for Portugal to be amongst the European Union countries wedding their economies in monetary union will be its number one priority.

But it is also offering a new style after the slightly authoritarian Cavaco Silva whose government became increasingly tarnished by small but persistant cases of corruption and power abuse.

Independent Lisbon daily O Publico saluted the vote as proof that Portugal's democracy had come of

"Never before bad the Portuguese people shown such a strong, united and mature wish for democratic alternation (of power)," it said in an editorial.

## Leftists win Latvia poll despite rightist gain

ing Democratic Party "Saimnieks" (Master) was declared winner of Latvian parliamentary elections Monday although a surge in support for a radical rightwing group caused a major

upset. Saimnieks took 18 seats to emerge as the biggest party in the 100-seat parliament. The roling Latvia's. Way Party dropped one seat but still came second with 17

But the unfancied rightwing People's Movement majority in the parliament. For Latvia, also known as "The results are fantastithe Siegerist Party, gained a cally good and I counted on shock 16 seats to be the that," Mr. Siegerist told third biggest party in parlia-

The party is led by maverick German politician Miegerist's brand of pop-

RIGA (R) — The left-lean- Joachim Siegerist — who cannot speak Latvian -whose stance has been strongly anti-Russian and anti-Communist. However, its other key policies are unclear.

700,000 ethnic Some Russians live in Latvia. Most do not have citizenship and are not allowed to vote in the elections. Weeks or even months of

baggling are now likely as the biggest parties seek compromise to form a coalition that can command a

Larvian Television early

Monday. Analysts said Mr. plist politics had swung the which predicted that a bloc undecided voters on election day.

His party runs an office

which offers free medicine to Riga pensioners and in an earlier election be transported voters to polling stations by bus and gave out free bananas and lemonade. "It's an example of the

gaping hole that exists between the Latvian political elite and people who live in the countryside, where they feel absolutely alienated from what is happening in Riga and in government," said Paul Raudsep, managing editor

of daily newspaper Diena, explaining Siegerist's suc-The result went against LNNK, had a good chance of gaining enough seats between them to form the core of a coalition government. But both did badly in the weekend voting. The

of two right-leaning parties,

the Farmers Union and the

LNNK won eight seats and the Farmers Union seven. The radical nationalist grouping For Fatherland And Freedom, which wants to introduce even tougher legislation on citizenship,

was placed fourth with 14

Mr. Raudsep said some parties which won seats, such as the Socialist Party and the left-wing Latvian Umity Party, had benefited pre-election opinion polls from protest votes.

## Quebec referendum campaign officially begins

QUEBEC CITY (R) — Quebec officially began its referendum campaign on the separation of the French-speaking province from Canada Sunday as public opinion polls showed lagging support for separa-

Quebec's separatist Premier Jacques Parizeau issued the writ for the Oct. 30 referendum in which Ouebec voters will be asked whether the province should become sovereign after offering to negotiate a new economic union with

Canada.

"I think we'll make it. 1 think we'll have a country pretty soon," Mr. Parizeau said at a news conference. However, opinion polls published over the weekend, including an internal poll for the ruling Parti Quebecois, show that a majority of Quebec voters do not want to separate.

A survey by the Crop in the rest of Canada's vote against separation. agency published Saturday refusal to recognise Mr. Johnson warned showed that 55 per cent of Ouebeckers would vote against separation, while 45 per cent would back it.

On Sunday, the Parti Quebecois released an internal poll showing that 52.4 per cent of respondents said they would vote 'no' to separation, and 47.6 per cent would vote 'ves.' "I don't think that we're

trailing all that badly," Mr. Parizean said. The premier said the poll

showed the ride is turning in favour of Quebec separatist forces. But the latest polls show Quebec voters' support for separation nas declined in recent weeks a poll published three weeks ago showed the two sides virtually tied.

In a speech televised across Ouebec Sunday evening, Mr. Parizeau said there is something "ahsurd"

Quebeckers as a "people." He said a vote for Quebec

sovereignty will give Quebeckers the power to make choices for themselves about their future. "We will be a majority in our own country, affirming once and for all our Francophone language and culture." Mr. Parizeau said.

Mr. Parizeau warned that if Quebec voters turn down separation, they will be affected by federal government budget cuts that among other things would reduce their public old-age pensions.

"If we vote 'no,' we will be subject to the choice of others," Mr. Parizeau said. In his televised address to Quebeckers, Daniel Johnson, leader of the liberal Party of Quebec and offi-

cial head of Canadian unity

forces, urged Quebeckers to

Mr. Johnson warned that in voting for Quebec sovereignty, Quebeckers would risk losing their Canadian citizenship and economic prosperity.

"The change proposed to us is radical and irreversible. With and despite its defects, Canadian federalism is a system of government that has served us well," Mr. Johnson said.

On Monday, separarist political forces, which include the Bloc Quebecois, a Quebec-based party in Canada's national legislature, will begin their campaign tour of the province. Mr. Johnson's campaign tour started last week.

Voters in the province, wbose seven million people make up a quarter of Canada's population, rejected a similar separation proposal in a referendum in

## Serious rifts threaten S. African government

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) Natal province stronghold. - South Africa's 18month-old government of national unity is under increasing strain as its three component parties snipe at each other and pursue sepa-

rate political agendas.

The most obvious sign of trouble was a public weekend squabble between President Nelson Mandela and his deputy, former President and now Deputy President Frederik De

Boiling just beneath the surface is the drive hy the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), the smallest member of the unity government, to declare an autonomous kingdom in its Kwazulu-

IFP leader Mangosuthn Buthelezi, who serves as home affairs minister in Mr. Mandela's unity cahinet, told a weekend rally in Kwazulu-Natal that the restoration of the Znin king-

dom "can no longer wait". Mr. Bnthelezi's hardline stance has put him in direct conflict with Mr. Mandela's ruling African National Congress (ANC), which rejects the outright federalism demanded by the IFP in favour of a more powerful

central government. Mr. Buthelezi told the rally that autonomy was the only way to guarantee "peace, welfare and prosperity (for) all our people" in Kwazulu-Natal, which

bloody conflict between IFP and ANC supporters. The IFP leader is also

reported to have taken steps to calling a snap election in Kwazulu-Natal, a move political analysts interpret as a gambit to increase his party's slender majority in the provincial legislature and push through his selfrule plans. The IFP is not the ANC's

only headache. Mr. De Klerk's formerly-

ruling National Party is increasingly abandoning the spirit of cooperation that characterised the unity government in the months immediately after last vear's historic all-race elec-

continues to be plagued by The NP has been battling internal divisions over its dnal role as the junior partner in government to Mr. Mandela's ANC and as the country's largest opposition

It is a balancing act that has not been comfortable. especially for Mr. De Klerk, who bas bad to mediate between feuding sections of his party.

Mr. De Klerk's once cordial relationship with Mr. Mandela has also been steadily deteriorating, culminating in the joint 1993 Nobel Peace laureates having an angry spat on a Johannesburg sidewalk late

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## Trial going awry

THE TRIAL of 49 members of the Muslim Brotherhood by a military court in Cairo has naturally attracted the attention of the world community since what is at issue there pertains to everything dear to the forces of democracy across the globe. Two immediate concerns come to mind when considering the decision by the Egyptian government to try the Islamists before a military tribunal.

The first is whether the Brotherhood can still be viewed as an illegal organisation or party in a system of government that is on record as promoting pluralistic democracy. Indeed Egypt, like all states that ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), is treaty-obligated to accord all shades of opinion, ideology or faith the right to express themselves peacefully, promote their ideals and enter open competition of ideas among themselves. This is after all the essence of democracy which nations have accepted as the norm for governing. The failure or success of the Islamists, or any other faction for that matter, must be solved freely by the people when they are offered the periodic opportunities to cast their ballots. No leadership can ever contend that it knows better than its own people what is best for them.

The second concern is that the rationale behind shifting the trial of the Islamists to a military court cannot withstand the challenges posed by the contemporary standards for fair trial as espoused repeatedly by international human rights instruments. The mere expression of preference for military trials is a vote of no confidence in the indicial

system of government.

Surely, Cairo does not wish and should not wish to tell the world that it has no faith or trust in its own civil court system. Neither the ICCPR nor any other human rights treaty or convention to which Egypt is a party would tolerate military trials of civihans who are allegedly members of an outlawed party, especially when the accused are in no way connected with violent or terrorist acts. Even then, there is nothing that should prevent a national court from looking into their case since their very membership in the Muslim Brotherhood is a contentious issue, and the legality of this group is questioned, only on the basis of dubious legislation that can be regarded as unlawful, either through being contrary to the constitution of the land, or the stipulations of the ICCPR and other relevant international treaties that have the force of law in Egypt as elsewhere.

## ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'l daily Monday condemned the continued expulsion of Palestinians from Libya. Saying that there is no justification for the deportation of Palestinians, the paper rejected Tripoli's claim that the Palestinians are leaving by their own free will. The Libyan leaders realise that the Palestinians yearn to go back home, and that they are living temporarily in Arab and non-Arab countries until the time comes for them to be repatriated, continued the paper. The Libvans also realise that the Palestinians do not accept a substitute for Palestine as a homeland; and are waiting for the appropriate and convenient circumstances to make the trip back home, it added. The mass expulsion of Palestinians lends real credibility to the views of the Palestinian leadership, which has been negotiating with Israel to recover Palestinian land, and which has accepted what has been offered to it although the Israeli offer does not fulfil the Palesninian people's aspirations, said the daily. The-Palestinian leadership is keen on reestablishing a homeland for the Palestinian people, so that they go home when they are no longer wanted in the host Arab states.

A WRITER in Al Dustour said Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's proposal for a confederation between Jordan and Palestine is aimed at serving Israel's own demographic, political and security interests. Israel does not want a Palestinian state to emerge on its borders; and by suggesting the confederation idea it is trying to find a solution to its own predicament and save the Jewish state the trouble of accepting or coexisting with a Palestinian state, said Taher Al Adwan. The writer said that Palestinians, like all other people, have the right to determine their own fate and create their own independent and sovereign state. The question of unity or confederation between Palestine and Jordan concerns the Jordanians and

P lestinians alone, continued the writer. Israel has to comply with the requirements of peace and refrain from talking about this confederation which it had destroyed by its 1967 occupation of the West Bank, said the writer. He said by suggesting a confederation at this stage. Israel is trying to ave meeting its commitments of returning to the Palestinians their full rights in their homeland, and, most articularly avoid discussing the question of Jerusalem. hich the Palestinians seek to establish as their own

The View from Fourth Circle

# Snake oil salesmen, false prophets, the business of faith

OURS IS a very ancient, deeply spiritual and very mercantile land, and therefore an appropriate venue for business, gods, and the interaction of these two very serious, very weighty phenomena. Gods and the spirituality sector are very dear to us here in the Middle East. We often invoke the name of God in our everyday speech and

greetings. No secularism here. This is spirituality country. Until now, and for about the last, oh, five thousand or so years, Middle Eastern spirituality has tended to focus on buman moral values and behavioural codes, always dictated by gods, and brought to us by holy messengers. In ancient Egyptian and Mesopotamian times, there was little difference between gods, prophets and messengers. With the advent of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, we started to differentiate between the monotheistic God himself and His messengers and prophets on earth, who in turn were usually seen as distinct from kings, caesars and other temporal political rulers.

The Middle East bas been a world leader in the spirituality business, exporting religions, gods and prophets to the rest of the world. Nearly half the world's population

are Christians, Muslims or Jews, worshippers of the god that was first formally identified and deified in this region. Now, however, the days when we set the tone for the world's faith industry are slowly coming to an end. For we here in the principal vortex of global spirituality are very quickly succumbing to a new god that coexists happily with our existing gods, faiths and moral memories: the god of the market.

At several recent conferences and workshops in Amman that included participants from the United States, Europe and Israel, I have been struck by the extraordinarily uniform and widespread emphasis that has been placed on two parallel phenomena: Free market economic reforms at home, and attracting foreign capital from abroad.

These are no longer mere economic principles or policy options; they have been elevated to the rank of faith, and, like faith, they are spreading around the world at a brisk pace. Sometimes they attract new believers on the strength of their own compelling logic; often, they are spread by missionaries of the free market faith; and in some cases, they are imposed in the manner that political and economic systems were imposed in the colonial days of old.

I am suspicious of this new faith because of several related points: a) it is offered as a solution to all of our domestic and regional ills, b) it is offered by virtually everyone coming at us from the West in general, hut more specifically from the United States, and c) it comes with a series of tried and tested moral/market formulae for behaviour that is guaranteed to bring us to paradise, or the promised land, or at least a nice house in a quiet residential district of our city - wherever on earth our city may be. I am reminded of the snake oil salesmen in the American West in the late 19th century, who sold a single remedy for all the ailments that an ordinary person could ever suffer and who disappeared out of town as soon as they sold a few dozen bottles of the miracle cure.

I would like to suggest a word of caution here, before we in Jordan or others in the Middle East embrace this new god of the market without sufficiently assessing its full costs and implications. I am not saying that we should reject it; I am saying that we should be far more selective in adopting the strengths of free market economies, while retaining the strengths of economic systems in which the private and public sectors coordinate their policies within a wider framework of national identity that is much less secular and slightly less mercantile than the systems of the industrial-

The rusb to embrace free market systems in Jordan and other Middle Eastern states takes place at a moment when most of our economies suffer high unemployment and politically volatile poverty levels. Privatisation and market economics will aggravate both of these trends in the short run, at a moment when governments are fiscally and managerially incapable of reducing the negative impacts of free marketisation on families and individuals.

The moral and political triumpb of the free market as the new god that defines the moral behaviour of individuals and states in the Middle East is likely to be troubling and discomforting for tens of millions of people. Many will suffer such despair that they will translate their sentiments into disruptive political action. In South and Central America and Eastern Europe, we have ample models of countries that adopted free market systems at a very high cost to their people. There are no surprises in this new religion. We know how many people will lose their jobs, and how many others will never find jobs. The rules of the creed are written in many books, and etched into the modern history of many other lands.

The question for us in Jordan is: How do we deal with this enigmatic situation? We know that we have to reform and we know that free market economics brings many real henefits. Western Europe and Eastern Asia offer good examples of how market economics, coupled with strong social benefits systems, generated rising prosperity for all while minimising the number of people who fell through the cracks and suffered chronic poverty and despair. Can we reform our economies in such a way that we prompt real growth in a sustainable manner, while protecting the

interests of the weak and marginalised? The evidence to date during the past decade is not very impressive in the Middle East, where the growing poor class has been politically written off, and where its expressions of frustration and despair have been dealt with through three parallel mechanisms: outright disdain for their needs, violent political pacification, or the rise of

Our particular dilemma is heavily rooted in timing: The snake oil merchants and the free market faith preachers proselytise amongst us at a moment when we are trying to build on the full promise of the Arab-Israeli peace process. If the market is the new faith, the promise of peace is the new prophet on whose back the faith will be spread to the

These are facts that we cannot dismiss or wish away. We have to deal with the market religion and its power in a manner that allows us to tap its genuine benefits without having to swallow all of its empty promises as well.

The reason that snake oil salesmen lasted so long is that

they made a lot of money. This was a very profitable business for the mercbants who did not have to live in the communities where they did business. They kept travelling from town to town at a pace that never allowed their disappointed old clients to expose them to unsuspecting

The market religion is a different matter altogether. We know its strengths and weaknesses, its real promises and its empty rhetoric. Most important of all, we know what we have to do to minimise the impact of widespread market reforms on the poor and vulnerable, so that market economics brings hope and better living standards to the

vast majority of our people.

It is important that we recognise the snake oil salesmen amongst us today who will try to sell us a magic cure for all of our ailments, without necessarily taking that same cure themselves for their similar ailments. The market is not a god, and we should not be so naive to believe that it can solve all of our problems.

As I said at the start, ours is a very ancient, deeply spiritual and very mercantile land. Prophets come and go, and even gods themselves rise and fall. But people endure - unless they get drunk on the snake oil, and, like false prophets, die alone from the ignominy of their own deception, shallowness and desperation. It would be very ironic if we, who sorted out many of history's true faiths from the fakes, would now roll over in moral confusion and material greed at the sight of yet another ambitious salesman in the fancy dress of a worldly saviour.



## Japan's LDP gives itself a leader with credentials

By Douglas H. Paal

WASHINGTON - With the election of Ryutaro Hashimoto as president of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), Americans will be tempted either to congratulate themselves or to bemoan the fact that the controversial tactics of Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, belped move Mr. Hashimoto to the top of Japan's political ladder.

It is true that by calling Mr. Kantor's trade hluff earlier this year, Mr. Hashimoto, as trade minister, gained for himself a wealth of approving publicity in Japan. By staring down U.S. demands and agreeing only to extend trade trends decided during the Bush administration, albeit at diminished levels, he satisfied growing Japanese nationalist sentiment. In this narrow sense, it is therefore true that the Clinton team helped to put its most capable trade adver-

sary into higher office. It would be wrong, however, to conclude that American mismanagement is at the heart of Mr. Hashimoto's rise. In fact, he has come to embody in his personal style some of the powerful reformist impulses in Japan, impulses that have been frustrated with the failure of a succession of

governments since 1993. First, Mr. Hashimoto demonstrates unusually strong leadership traits, in marked contrast with most of his contemporaries. He is wellinformed about the intricacies of policy, and decisive in a way that can sometimes appear abrupt in Japan. Senior Japanese bureaucrats speak of his active style in the briefing sessions that form the nexus between Japanese political and bureaucratic power. The last leader with this level of executive skill was Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, another standout.

Second, although he is a member of the traditionalist Takeshita faction of the LDP, Mr. Hashimoto bas a personally clean reputation. According to one senior bureancrat who knows him well, be bas cultivated his "lone wolf" image precisely to set himself apart from the typical go-along-to-get-along LDP members.

The desire for clean politics runs deep in contemporary Japan, and Mr. Hashimoto bas a chance to capture the reformist banner back from the newly created opposition parties. If he succeeds, and the odds are long, the irony of reform coming from within the LDP will be intense.

Third, despite Mr. Hashimoto's exploitation of anti-U.S. sentiment, he rises from the mainstream of LDP foreign policy, which continues to regard Japan's relationship with America as its core. Maintenance of good, productive relations with Washington will be one of his top priorities, according to well-informed officials around him in Tokyo. His previous focus on economic issues will be expanded to embrace security issues as well in a display of his capacity for flexibility

and personal growth.

But Mr. Hasbimoto will insist on more balanced, mutually respectful and interest-hased relations. For him, as for most Japanese, misty-eyed emotional ties to America belong to the past. A rational calculation of Japan's interests will re-inforce continued strong ries, but trade and other frictions will force a gradual estrangement onto that calculation.

Does Mr. Hasbimoto have liabilities? One seasoned observer in Tokyo said that he tends to be "too explicit" in bis politics. Japan's traditional culture values consensus reached through indirect, nearly invisible political maneuovre, where real intentions often remain implicit. It is not yet clear that Tokyo's political circles are ready for Mr. Hashimoto's direct approach, despite the public sentiment behind him.

The LDP is part of the coalition government led by Socialist Prime Minister Tomüchi Murayama. Mr. Hashimoto's rise to the presidency of the LDP will not automatically make him prime minister. He is likely to remain trade minister or hecome foreign minister and deputy prime minister in the months ahead.

If he remains trade minister, it would embolden hureaucrats in his ministry and frighten those in the Foreign Ministry who see themselves saddled with weak leadership under their present minister. Yohei Kono, whom Mr. Hashimoto defeated in the LDP politicking. More likely. Mr.

Hashimoto will become foreign minister in a cabinet reshuffle later in the au-

When President Bill Clinton and other heads of government arrive in Osaka in November for the leaders' meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, they will probably be dealing with Mr. Murayama as a lame duck prime minister. Mr. Hashimoto will be there, but will have a convenient excuse to deflect pressures from his visitors. This will reinforce the very strong sentiment in Tokyo to take "no new initiatives" for America. By aiming barbs at Japan's bureaucrats, the Clinton administration has turned them into well-

will be reluctant to do any-thing to belp get the U.S. president re-elected. Once Japan completes its sacrosanct annual budget process in December-January, the political climate will shift and pressures are expected to grow for a general election under the new reformed procedures. If, as seems likely, the LDP obtains a plurality or majority, Mr. Hashimoto will be well-placed to become prime minister.

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The writer, who served at the National Security Council under Ronald Reagan and George Bush, is president of the Asia Pacific Policy Centre, a research institute in Washington. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

## Oman trade link with Israel a psychological move

By Ashraf Fouad Reuter

DUBAI — Oman's surprise decision to forge trade ties with Israel effectively bypasses an Arab League resolution for the economic boycott of the Jewish state. But analysts said on Monday the move was largely

psychological. "This is more of a psychological move than one that would lead to immediate diplomatic ties and other practical steps," said a well-placed Arab analyst

in Oman. "It is no longer a novelty," another analyst said. Everyone is meeting with them (Israeli officials) and the Gulf states are attending the multilateral (Middle East) peace talks."

The foreign ministers of Oman and Israel agreed at a meeting in New York on Saturday night to exchange trade representative offices as part of efforts to boost

economic cooperation.

Arab analysts said Oman was not expected to depart from a general Gulf Arah policy not to fully normalise ties with Israel until a comprehensive Middle East ace settlement which includes Syria and Lebanon

was reached. "Yes, it is a step towards eventual full ties, but do not expect that very soon. We all have to wait to see the next steps" towards an Israeli accord with both Syria and Lebanon, said the Oman-based analyst.

Oman is the only member of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) to forge official trade ties with Israel. Following talks with U.S. Secretary of State Warren

Christopher in New York last year, GCC states agreed to lift the secondary economic boycott of firms

dealing with Israel.
"GCC states made it clear last year they were ready to back lifting the primary boycott of Israel if a (Arah) League member directly involved in the peace process made such a proposal to the league, said another analyst.

"Oman did not go against the GCC by doing so," he

The Riyadh-based 'alliance, which is due to hold its next annual summit in Oman in December, also includes Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain.

Analysts said that while some Gulf states might decide to do follow Oman's example, they did not expect these to include Saudi Arabia, the GCC's dominant partner and largest

The biggest country on the block can't play this game," one analyst said. Even in Muscat's case. analysts said, Israeli products were not expected to be available soon on the Omani market.

"It is not completely discounted but it will take time. It will also be difficult in the beginning for Omani consumers to go out and buy a 'made in Israel' product," one said.

Israel's Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Sunday night that the agreement with Oman was meant to "encourage cooperation... in economic and technical fields."

It said the two sides were discussing joint water, agricultural, medical and telecommunications projects.

#### **LETTERS**

## Strict response warranted

MR. SALAMEH Ne'emat's allegations that some officials, journalists or even members of Parliament are on the payroll of a foreign embassy requires an uncompromising, strict response from our national newspapers, which were renowned for their neutrality and objectivity.

Mr. Ne emat must receive his information straight from the source. After all, professional journalism requires education, veracity and culture.

Said D. Khalifeh,

The Jordan Times welcomes letters and contributions from its readers on any subject they wish to tackle. Letters intended for publication, however, should contain the writer's full name and preferably address as well. Names can be withheld only upon request and under special circumstances. Letters are subject to editing. The newspaper is not responsible for the return of unused manuscripts. AM in blood stepp d in so far that, should I wade

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to each other by President Jacques Chirac and Chan-cellor Helmot Kohl at their

Majorca hotel retreat dur-

ing last week's discussions

on the European Union's

exchange-rate turbolence.
Like Macbeth, both Mr.
Chirac and Mr. Kohl have

good cause to fear a tragic

denouement if the Maas-

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and monetary union

EMU) comes nustuck.

France and Germany bave

invested so much capital in

the single currency plan

that for either of them to

call it off now would be

conceived as a disaster in

Bonn and Paris, as well as

in many other parts of the

of the past week - the

warning from the German

finance minister, Theo

Waigel, about the fitness of

Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands for EMU, the stirring of trade union strife in France, and the run into

the mark and Swiss franc -

make it clear that the time-

table to bring about EMU by 1999 is not feasible. The

sooner Europe comes to

terms with this uncomfort-

Currency troubles could

soon spill over into a full-

scale crisis centred on the

French franc. The weakness

of the franc may require the

Bank of France to hoist

interest rates in the coming

weeks. Mr. Chirac and his prime minister, Alain Jup-

pé, will be highly reluctant

to counternance this step in

view of the precarious state

of the French economy and

the threatened labour un-

rest. If France is forced to

cboose (like Britain in

1992) the alternative course

of lower interest rates and a

loosening of its links with the mark, the next few

months may well echo to the disagreeable cacopbony

of European governments seeking to blame each other

able truth, the better.

None the less, the events

tot the upset.

Part of the culpability

does indeed attach to

France and those other

would-be EMU members

who are still a long way

from fulfilling the economic

criteria (particularly on government deficits and

debt) that were agreed in 1991 as determining the suitability of individual eco-

nomies to join a single cur-

rency. The prime responsi-

bility, bowever, for the

EMÚ plan almost certainly

having to be shelved lies with Germany, the country

which (along with France) drove the Maastricht pro-

cess to show that the new

reunified Germany was just

as reliable and committed

to European integration as

the old Western-oriented

. From Mr. Kohl down-

wards, the Bonn establish-

ment bas always supported

EMU, essentially for

reasons of foreign policy.

Yet ever since the plan was

batched at the end of the

Eighties, the German

electorate has consistently

shown that it does not want

to give up the mark. Many

ordinary Germans instinc-

tively feel that a new Euro-

pean currency would be less

secure than the one that bas

guided them for nearly half

a century: The mark has

become a badge and instru-

ment of post-war stability and prosperity. The reti-cence of the pubbic is sbared

by much of German indus-

try, particularly small and

medium-sized firms,

although the big banks bave supported the EMU idea so

Waigel's blunt remarks

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cago's aviation department. Transportation Secretary Administrator (FAA) David Hinson to direct airport authorities and air carriers to upgrade security as outlined in an FAA directive issued in

early August. "The decision to increase security is based upon an assessment provided by federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies, combined with an analysis of the

Pena said in a statement.

## Blood pact that must end in gore

Europe's current timetable for a single currency will lead to political disaster, predicts David Marsh



Timetable for a single currency will lead to political disaster

Helmut Kohl and Jacques Chirac appear to be heading for doom

implacable best to calm, jangled European nerves. but German politicians have now fully grasped the mood of the burgher in the street. In a country as democratic as Germany has now become, no measure as significant and sweeping as the replacement of the cur-

rency can be undertaken without the support of the

To improve the EMU's public image, the government bas attempted to introduce additional conditions governing German

participation, going beyond the criteria written into the Maastricht treaty. Yet with each new requirement first that monetary union should be accompanied by an (as yet undefined) form of political union, then that the European central bank should be in Frankfurt,

liament is expected to approve the West Bank deal, but the president's spokes-

man said be would still not

budge on his stand, "even if it

A seniot justice ministry

official warned that the "cre-

dibility of the government is

at stake," and accused Mr.

Weizman of trying to block

the path because of his

opposition to the autonomy

Legal experts are examin-

ing ways to circumvent the

president's decision if he te-

fuses to approve the releases,

adviser, Michael Ben-Yair,

said Palestinians from the

occupied territories did not

require an amnesty from Mr.

Weizman to be set free and

that only one case - a

woman from annexed East

Jerusalem — fell under his

Meanwhile Israel, in a

symbolic move after the self-

rule accord, removed roadb-

locks from two entrances to

Hebron easing the flow of

traffic but keeping troops

They said troops loaded

onto trueks concrete blocks

used to slow traffic at Heb-

ron's main entrance and at

another road, and removed

them. But the army kept

observation posts and mobile

has changed. The fence is still

there and the army is still

there," said Adnan Al

signed at the White House,

Israel agreed to remove some

roadblocks to ease the flow of

Under the agreement

Hourani, a storekeeper.

"As far as I see, not much

army units in the area.

there, witnesses said.

jurisdiction.

The government's legal

a cabinet source said.

harms the peace process.

then that the new currency should not be called the ecu, and now (as Waigel suggested last week) that the EMU debt criteria should be futthet toughened - with each of these the impression has grown that Germany is seeking to escape its treaty

obligations. Ironically, while each new attempt to tighten the EMU screw bas unsettled Germany's part-ners, it has done little to assuage the fears of the 75 per cent of the German electorate who, according to public opinion polls, oppose the single currency.
The belief persists that the mark's fate will be a big and emotional issue in 1998

elections.

How did we get into this mess? It is essential to realise that, for many informed Germans, the writing has long been on the wall. Mr. Kohl received no shortage of advice that the Maastricbt ometable was flawed in setting out a supposedly automacc process for the establishment of EMU at the latest on Jan. 1, 1999. Karl Otto Pöhl, then Bun-desbank president, forecast as long ago as 1989 that the German population would show "considerable resistance" once they realised that EMU meant control of their money would pass

At the Maastricht summit in December 1991, Mr. Kobl's officials showed great unease at the "auto-maticity" of the EMU timetable tailroaded through by then President François Mitterrand and Giulio Andreotti, the then Italian prime minister. One senior member of Mr. Kobl's entourage told me privately at Maastricht that the plan was a "time bomb;" four years later, his warning has been vindicated. In baving pushed through a treaty that many seniot Germans believed all along would be difficult or impossible to put into effect, the German government has laid itself open to charges of duplicity, or worse, by its partners. This s precisely the effect Mr. Kohl was most eager to

What happens next? The trouble with EMU is that it is both politically explosive and beset by pitfalls of great technical complexity, where each apparent solution grows into a Hydra's bead of fresh problems. Bending the EMU rules to allow innocuous little Belgium to join, for instance, is difficult to manage because Ita-ly (which the Bundesbank most firmly wants to keep out) could then claim it was being unfairly treated. Similarly, insisting that EMU can take place only with a small "core" group (of Germany and the Benelux countries, and possibily France) is convincing only up to a point. Such an outcome would not remove the threat of competitive devaluations, particularly worrisome to German industry, by countries such as the U.K., Italy, Spain and Sweden.

The storm clouds over the Maastricht plan will almost inevitably force a postponement of EMU. Yet the subject will remain on European politicians' agendas, not least because agendas, not least because the resulting economic turbulence will, if anything, increase the mirage-like appeal of the goal of cur-rency stability. One lesson of the Maastrieht saga, however, must be learnt. A plan that appears noble and persuasive from a foreign policy point of view, yet which is perceived domesti-cally as countering a coun-try's fundamental interestis likely not to succeed but to scatter the seeds of mistrust and misfortune.

It may even end with the gory head of one of the protagonists being bran-dished, as was Macbeth's in the final scene of the play.

The author is director of European strategy for Robert Fleming, the London-based investment bank. The above article is reprinted from the Inde-

#### Bosnia truce talks 'inconclusive'

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new and mote distutbing phase. We are now receiving reports of robbery, often bymen in uniforms, as opposed to the looting of abandoned houses, said U.N. spokemsan Chris Gunness. "United Nations civilian

police bave reported at least ten cases of this in the past week," he added. Despite Ctoatian claims that it bad arrested hundreds

of people in connection with looting, Mt. Gunness said that the attacks continued into last week, more than six weeks since the offensive to retake the previously Serbheld Krajina region ended.

"Until we see these activi-

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Panos Moumtziz, spokes-

man for the U.N. High Com-

missionet for Refugees

(UNHCR), said 160 families

were camping out in the non-

man's land on the border, but

could give no overall total of

The latest arrivals joined

been stuck in limbo for more

than a month after Egypt

refused them entry. Libya enlarged on Monday

the camp where the stranded

Palestinians are staying. A

dozen more tents were set

up, bringing to about 85 the

number that could been seen

in the 300 metre-wide no-

An electrical generator and

two water trucks were

brought into the camp. Two

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Palestinians who have

Libya prepares for expulsions

1 ties halted, we will continue to believe that either there is a problem with command and control - and although the command has been given out it's not reaching the ground - or that at some level, most is) at least some kind of complicity in these acts," he

told reporters. Ctoatian President Franjo Tudjman admitted last month that Croatian forces bad engaged in some "reprisals" against Serbs, and condemned these acts, but said

they were understandable. Mt. Gunness estimated that between 3,755 and 4,155 people remained in Croatia's devastated Krajina region

field hospitals were set up as

well as a tent to be used as a

mosque. Children on Mon-

day also began going to a makeshift school in the camp.

mat said up to 5,000 more

would be expelled this week

as Tripoli presses on with the

campaign despite appeals from the PLO.

only to Palestinians assured

of transiong directly to the

Gaza Strip or Jordan and has

refused to allow U.N. relief

aid to the stranded, saying

they were a Libyan problem.

said he asked the Egyptian

government if the UNHCR

could send a mission to the

border to see if the Palesti-

nians were short of food or.

"We still haven't received

Mr. Mountziz, however,

Egypt has allowed entry

On Sunday a Libyan diplo-

from a population of about 185,000 before the Croatian army tetook control in August. In some areas, 90 per cent of the homes were burned following the Croatian army's taking of the Krajina, which Setbs seized from Croatians in 1991.

Those who temained were too poot ot too old to make the arduous trip made by others to Setbia, and these most vulnerable were being systematically victimised.

"Whereas previously there was looting of abandoned, empty houses, now that people are back in their houses, or some people are back in, there are more and more cases of people being robbed

at gunpoint," said Mr. Gun-

he said.

a reply from the authorities." In Amman, Mt. Zanoun said: "We remind Colonel Qadhafi that it is the Palestinians who built his country. "This action is stupid." more of the West Bank. Mr. Zanoun said, referring to

the expulsions. He said he planned to talk urgently with Egyptian Ptesident Hosni Mubarak and the Arab League to stop the expulsions and ask the PLO to address the United sion is his." Nations Security Council."

Mr. Zanoun accused the Arab League of dealing "carelessly" with the issue of the expelled Palesonians and said the PNC would seek international support to pressure Libva to reverse the expulsions decision.

'We'll bring up the issue during the world parliamentarians conference this month," he said.

#### PLO demands prisoner release (Continued from page 1)

ment will see what it can do about it."

According to an Israeli ver-sion of the accord initialled in Taba, Egypt, last week, "all female detainees and prisoners shall be released" on the signing of the agreement.

The 10 Israeli prisoners among them Ami Popper who was jailed for shooding dead seven Palesonians in Israel in 1990 — took theit case to Israel's high court of justice demanding an equal chance to be pardoned.

Like the high court, Prime Ministet Yitzhak Rabin was against freeing them. The Israeli leader said on Sunday: "I think that wboever murders Palestinians out of a longing for revenge does not deserve a thing.

Israel has agreed to free about 2,000 of the 6,000 Palestinians it holds as part of the accord expanding 16month-old Palestinian rule beyond Gaza and Jericho to

"We will not try to force decisions onto the president," Mr. Rabin said aftet talks with Mr. Weizman on bis return from Washington. "I presume be will bear in mind political and other factors, but ultimately the deci-

The issue cleared one hurdle Monday when supreme court rejected an appeal to block the release of Palestinian prisoners. Mt. Weizman, who is also

under pressure from the right-wing has said he will give his verdict on the releases after parliament meets on Thursday to vote on the autonomy accord. A narrow majority in partraffic into Hebron and other

West Bank areas. · · · The two sides negotiated special arrangements for Hebron because some 400 Jewish settler's live in the heart of the city among 120,000 Palestinians. The town has often been a flasbpoint for Arab-Jewish vio-

Israel's cabinet was meanwhile told of fresh warnings that militants opposed to the autonomy accord to stage suicide attacks during the

Jewish holidays. Mr. Rabin adviser urged Israelis to be on the lookout for bombs, especially while riding on buses, shopping in outdoot markets and praying m synagogues.

There is certainly information of a possible attack," Mr. Sarid said after Monday's cabinet meeong. Security forces are doing what they need to do, but every citizen needs to open our eyes and notice anything suspicious.

Soldiers manning roadblocks and bases in the West Bank and Gaza Strip were told to be on bigh alert, the radio said. The army refused comment on the report. On Sunday, Israel ex-

tended a closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip through Friday, barring tens of thousands of Palestinian labourers from their jobs in Israel. The travel ban affects two million Palestinians.

Gaza has been sealed since Sept. 20 when security off officials said they received warnings that the militant group Islamic Jihad planned an attack in Israel.

A closure was imposed on the West Bank last Wednes-

#### Exercises continue in Kuwait

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Iraqi official in London Sunday night as saying the Sunday Times report was also an attempt to create tension in

Kuwait said Sunday it was taking the report seriously, but chief U.N. weapons inspectot Rolf Ekeus, asked whether there were any unusual troop movements in Iraq, said: "As far as I knowthe atmosphere was quiet, Bahrain, field headquarters cordial and relaxed."

Mt. Ekeus was speaking to, reporters in Bahrain where he arrived Sunday after a three-day visit to Iraq.

Bahrain's emir said meanwhile that he supported efforts of the United Nations agency in charge of verifying that Iraq was dismantling its weapons of mass destruction, the Gulf News Agency (GNA) reported.

It said Sheikh Isa Ben Sulman Al Khalifa made the

comments to Mr. Ekeus, chairman of the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM), which is overseeing dismantling of Iraq's weapons programme undet

Gulf war ceasefire terms. GNA said Mt. Ekeus briefed Sheikh Isa on UN-SCOM's missions in Iraq and

his talks with Iraqi officials. Mr. Ekeus returned to fot U.N. missions visiting Iraq, on Sunday after a twoday visit to Baghdad where

he said many unanswered questions remained about Iraq's secret military prog-"There are issues remain-

ing to be cleared up both in the missiles and chemical side, and also in the new biological field obviously we have to verify a number of issues," Mr. Ekeus said.

key's biggest quake in recent

years, in the eastern town of

Frzincan in 1992, killed more

than 500 people.

President Suleyman De-.

mirel visited the town, situ-

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#### Ouake kills at least 57 in Turkey

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as Swiss rescue workers with sniffer. dogs searched col-lapsed buildings for possible survivors.

"It was a sudden, very violent tremor." said housewife Dondu Ucma, 34. She was taking shelter in a tent, 100 frightened to return to her damaged home. "Everything in the house fell over and

broke." she said. Single-storey shanty houses in the outskirts of the town were relatively undam-

An earthquake killed 330 people in Dinar in 1925. Tur-

agricultural region known in Turkey as the Lake district. "Dinar has been badly hit. We don't know the exact damage." he was quoted by

Anatolian as saving. "It will become clearer by evening. he said. Prime Ministr Tansu Ciller

also visited Dinar, further delaying her 12-day efforts to form a new government after her resignation last month.

## U.S. airports on security alert

(Continued from page 12) many delays really. What people might notice is an ncrease in surveillance by airport police," said Tara Hamilton, spokeswoman for the two airports. "We'll have increased announcements... reminding people to keep an eye on their luggage. This is

all in place, but it will be stepped up." Passengers should carry evernment-issued identifica-icon such as a driver's license or passport and expect bags to be checked more often than before, a spokeswoman for Chicago's Midway and O'Hare international airports

These measures are not as stringent as what we saw with the ... Gulf war, which

allowed ticketed passengers. only and had no skycap check-up." said Lisa Howard, spokeswoman for Chi-

Pena asked Federal Aviation reality.

current state of affairs." Mr.

The bombing led to widespread heightening of secutpeace," Mt. Peres said. ity around federal facilities.

## Syrian, Egyptian

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Israeli Foteign Minister Shimon Peres urged Syria and Lebanon Monday to quit tbeir footdragging and make peace in the Middle East a

Mr. Peres told the U.N. General Assembly that the two countries had "to stop hesitating, to stop wondeting. They have to ... come in and follow up." He singled out President

Assad, who, be said, was

"making security the major of the agenda" and for limiting talks Melut. to military issues." Experience has shown that through a negotiation on all levels, embracing all

issues, without timidity, with-

out fatigue, we can achieve

Sudan: No early thaw in U.S. ties (Continued from page 12)

Baghdad in the 1990-91 Gulf Gen. Bashir said he had not supported Iraq in the

war, hut had only objected to the massive build-up of Western-led fotces in the region that preceded the 1991 conflict. Qatar and Sudan have

agreed to launch a joint oil company to pump 5.000 harrels a day from fields 600 kilometres south of Khattoum on the White Nile. east of the southern township of

The first phase of the venture is expected to cost about \$12 millinn. Later plans call for an additional \$30 million. Gen. Bashir said his government would press ahead

I with its "Islamic agenda" and

continue to apply Islamic law "whatever the pressure and political and economic threats.

The U.S. State Depart-

ment has had Sudan on its list of countries promoting terrorism for the past two years. while neighbouring Egypt accused Khartoum of heing behind a failed attempt to kill Egypt accused Khartoum of being behind a failed attempt to kill President Hosni Mubarak in Ethiopia in June. Gen. Bashir also hlamed violent street protests which

rocked Khartoum last month

on communists, and said 'all

students arrested after the riots had been released. The Sudanese president arrived in Oatar Sunday on his wayback from a lour of China

and Vietnam.

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N-test ignites condemnation

around the world would have stopped the tests.

"We are very, very disappointed, but we will not take any further steps. We will have to explain by words," she said before starting a scheduled meeting with her EU counterparts in Lux-

embourg. Danish Foreign Minister Niels Helver-Petersen, who led the chorus of EU disapproval of the first test. was detected. "I have already expressed my deep disappointment." he said.

Netherlands also condemned the blast. While Britain said it would not be pushed into taking sides in the nuclear debate.

Greenpeace activists climbed

Luxembourg and the

onto the roof of the French ambassador's residence in London to protest over the "It is for the French to

justify these nuclear tests, but what we must do is keep our eve on the main strategic objective which is the comprehensive test ban treaty which will permanently ban all nucleat tests." British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said.

In a television interview, New Zealand's Bolget turned up the heat on Britain, which faces diplomatic isolation at a Commonwealth heads of government meeting summit in New Zealand in November. Britain's refusal to condemn France is expected to be a key subject of discussion

#### Children asked to vote for Saddam

BAGHDAD (AFP) - Iraqi children are to be asked to back Saddam Hussein as president in a special referendum to be carried out in schools next week, newspapers reported here Monday. lraq's five million schoolchildren are being given the chance to vote on Oct. 11 because they are too young to take part in an unprecedented refetendum to reelect Saddam Hussein as president four days later, the Iraqi Students Federation said. In a message to President Saddam, quoted by the press, the government-run federation, said it wanted to allow pupils "to express their fidelity and loyalty to the leader for his paternal encouragement."

# for return to oil market

LIMASSOL, Cyprus (Agencies) — Iraq sought to reassure oil producers Monday that its return to the world oil market after the end of U.N. sanctions would not push down prices or harm their interests.

Iraq's oil production, which stands at 0.7 million barrels of oil per day (bpd), mostly for domestic consumption, could climb to two million bpd after the end of sanctions and rise again to six million bpd within several vears, said Saadallah Fathi, Iraqi oil ministry advisor.

But this return "will not have the negative impact on prices some people often cite or speculate about." Mr. Fathi told a conference on Middle East energy strategy held in Limassol, Cyprus.

"Our intention is to strengthen and stabilise the oil market for the benefit of all its

participants." he said. Iraq's extra output is in line with expected expansion of the oil market anyway, he added. The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is forecast to increase its output from 28 million bpd in 1995 to up to 41 million bod in 2005.

Iraq has been under a U.N. oil and trade embargo since its August 1990 invasion of Kuwaii. Its pre-1990 production level was 3.2 million

"Iraq is one of the most under-explored and underdeveloped oil provinces in the world," the oil ministry advisor said. Total ptoduc-tion in Iraq between 1927 and 1990 stood at 21 billion barrels or 3.3 per cent of world output, which is "disproportionate to its proven re-

#### Limited oil sales

Senior Iraqi government officials are pressing for the resumption of limited crude oil sales to ease the bumanitariau situation in the country, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said on

\$500 million from the World

Bank for rebuilding its war-

damaged roads network, an official of the public works

ministry said. Samah Makarem, head of

the ministry's roads depart-

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under way between the gov-ernment and World Bank

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cabinet change and that the cultural Organisation. United States has said it would not oppose implementation of U.N. Resolution 986, which allows Iraq to sell oil worth \$2 billion over six months to meet humanita-

nan needs. Iraq has turned down the deal, saying the close moni-toring would infringe its sovereignty.

"Reports reaching MEES from Baghdad indicate that several senior officials in the Iragi government are now advocating the acceptance of Resolution 986," the Nicosiabased newsletter said.

"These officials argue that, under the present circumstances of Irag's complete ostracism by the international community, there is no prospect that the oil sanctions would even be seriously reviewed before the U.S. presidential elections in November 1996.

"The officials also point out that the deteriorating political situation and the dire economic conditions in the country are such that it would be very difficult to maintain law and order without some kind of alleviation such as would be provided by the limited oil sales expedient," MEES said,

MEES said the president of the Security Council asked Iraq's U.N. envoy Nizar Hamdoon last month to urge Baghdad to resume the oil sales after the United States said it would not try to stop

Under Resolution 986. Iraq would be allowed to export \$1 billion worth of oil every three months which. according to the authoritative MEES, translate into an export volume of 700,000 barrels per day. That would be over and above Iraq's present output of 550,000 bpd.

More than five years after the U.N. sanctions were imposed, Iraq's humanitarian needs are immense. It needs \$2.8 billion in food aid to avert widespread hunger, fonday. according to officials from its said the measure could the U.N. World Food Progbe introduced after an Iraqi ramme and Food and Agri-

Lebanon seeks \$500m from World Bank

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanon is, representatives on its con. Mr. Makarem said the aid

"According to my informa-

tion, there are promises from

the World Bank administra-

tion ... to give assistance to

the Lebanese government

which may reach up to \$500

million to cover 50 per cent of

the roads rehabilitation pro-

ject." he said.

THE Daily Crossword by Melvin Kenworthy

Four million people are destitute and nearly 70 per cent of the country's 20 million people lacks the income to buy sufficient food, the officials said.

Iraq's proven reserves at the start of 1993 were 112 billion barrels, or 112 years' worth at its 1989 production rate of a billion barrels a year, Mr. Fathi told the Limassol meeting.

Moreover, 1rag's possible reserves stand at 214 billion barrels, he added.

Another point in its favour that 40 per cent of its reserves are in six oil fields already under development. and another 40 per cent in 10 other fields pinpointed by the oit industry but not yet exploited, he said.

That makes exploitation easier, especially since the oil fields are huge by world standards, he said.

However, Iraq's 1980-1988 war with Iran and the 1991 Gulf war had hit its resources hard and Baghdad needs \$25 billion to finance its plans, Mr. Fathi said.

"We will continue the development of our producing oil fields by ourselves," he said, suggesting, however, that it may be possible to "negotiate with interested parties either on the basis of service or production-sharing

"There are even areas in Iraq where we are prepared to go into risk-type arrange-ments. This could be applicable to areas where we have done very little or no exploitation work such as the western desert," he said, But Iraq must first secure a lifting of the U.N. embargo.

Mr. Fathi would not specu-late on a date, but said: "The pressure and excuses of one two countries to extend the embargo unnecessarily are counter-productive and do not contribute to the normalisation of the situation or the stability in an important region such as ours.

interest long-term loans over

first phase of rehabilitating

Lebanon's 6.300-km long

road network at \$1 billion.

The toads have been poorly

maintained for years and

some were badly damaged in

the 1975-90 civil war.

He put the total cost of the

six years.

# Baghdad prepares opinion | Bailout fund a challenge for the White House

The Clinton administration is facing the tough job of coming up with \$28 billion for a new emergency bailout fund to deal with future Mexicostyle financial crises.

That issue was expected to be a primary topic this week as the 179-nation International Monetary Fund (IMF) and its sister lending organisa-tion, the World Bank, hold their annual meetings. The gatherings get under way with preliminary events on Wednesday.
The administration hopes

to win a formal endorsement from the IMF's policy-setting interim committee for creation of a new "emergency financing mechanism" to help nations facing sudden

financial calamity. The new fund would have access to \$56 billion. Half of other half would have to be raised from new contribu-Not only would the current 12 donors — including the United States, Japan, Ger-

credit established at the IMF

by the United States and 11

other wealthy nations. The

many. France. Britain and Saudi Arabia - be asked to put up more money, but the original group hopes to tap such as South Korea. Taiwan, Malaysia and Singa-

But so far no country has come forward with any specific pledge. There have been a number of objections, ranging from what status the new donors would have to worries that the mere establishment of such a fund will encourage

risky behaviour. What will stop a country debt, knowing if they fail, the newly created fund stands ready with a bailout," asked Sen. Lauch Faircloth, a Republican from North Carolina who has already introduced legislation to keep the United States from participating in any new bailout

The administration. however, argues that getting more countries involved is precisely what is needed to make sure that the United Stats, as the world's largest economy, is not left to deal with a future crisis by itself.

In the Mexican crisis. President Clinton used his own authority to provide \$20 bil-lion in U.S. assistance and after some arm-twisting gol other countries to agree to a \$17.8 billion IMF package. the largest in the agency's 50-year history.

don't." the Iranian oil source

OPEC's average June-

August production has been

about one million bpd above the ceiling fixed in 1993, a

Reuters survey of oil industry

officials and analysts showed.

Some OPEC ministers have said OPEC should

maintain the output freeze at

the next meeting, but others

say it is premature to predict

what will happen in Novem-

stand right now because that

would mean its policy is

rigid, said the oil source.
"This OPEC meeting

should be guided by market forces. OPEC should be

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"Iran does not have a firm

told Reuters.

Congress to revoke the U.S. assistance, the administration insists that recent favourable economic developments in Mexico prove the rescue package was the correct approach.

The Mexican crisis was precipitated last Dec. 20 when the country was forced to devalue its currency after investors became frightened and began cashing in their peso-denominated invest-"The speed and size of

loday's global capital markets means the need for resources to halt such crises is greater than ever," Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said on Friday.

But the administration concedes that it does not yet have donors lined up for the new emergency fund.

A senior IMF official, who briefed reporters on the upcoming meetings, said he expected formal approval of the emergency fund at the annual meeting. But he also predicted that the actual financing commitments would take

The official, who spoke on condition that his name not be used, said agreement was much closer on a separate initiative to provide an earlywarning system to keep future Mexico-style crises from

erupting.

The IMF is expected to adopt standards for public disclosure of basic economic information so that private investors will be better able to judge how a country is

performing. "If you want to avoid abrupt, irrational actions by the markets, then the thing you must provide is adequate information," the IMF official said. The IMF proposal would

call for all countries to report on a timely basis on key economic variables such as the level of currency reserves. In addition, 40 to 50 larger countries that have access to international capital markets would be asked to provide even more informaiion covering as many as 20 key variables,

## Czech republic, UAE to develop trade ties

DUBAI (R) - A business delegation from the Czech Republic is visiting the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to develop bilateral trade and encourage investment in the former eastern bloc country.

In a meeting with Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCC1) officials on Sunday, the group of 30 Czech business people was urged to set up a trade centre in the UAE and to work towards the signing of a double taxation agreement.

We need to avoid double taxation... we hope we shall have such an agreement signed between our two countries in the near future." DCC1 Second Vice President

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirlos

Hassan Mohammad Bin Al Shaikh said.

Deputy Minister of Indus-try and Trade Miroslav Somol, who led the Czech delegation, said: "It is a mutual goal to have these agreements as soon as possi

ble," Mr. Somol said.

Trade between the Czech Republic and the UAE was \$24.9 million in 1994. Of this. Czech exports totalled \$20.7 million.

#### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR TUES-DAY, OCTOBER 3, 1995

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

ARDES: (March 21 to April 19) Study your daily activities this morning and know bow to become more efficient at them. Get together with good friends and loved ones

TAURUS: (April 20 to May -20) Make arrangements for enjoyment this morning and tonight get your surroundings beautified in some way which will benefil you largely.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Think more about your bome and bow you can best beautify it today and make it more comfortable for your loved ones. Buy a gift for a family tie.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) This is an ideal day for handling correspondence and communicating well with others of importance on the phone or in person for YOUR SUccess.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Handling practical and money matters which arise are easy during the daytime, then you can be off to fun places with good friends and loved ones.

VIRGO: (Angust 22 to September 22) Go after your personal aims today in a positive manner and gain them. Communicate well with your good friends and loved ones abont any situations.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Get a plan working which will gain you a cherished personal wish today, then tonight you can join with friends you like very

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Take a little time to be with good friends during the day today, but the evening should be spent with your mate in some loving

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You can advance quickly through public activines during the daytime today, but go after per-sonal aims this evening which will bring you success.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Study into new interests which can help to make today and the future brighter and more successful for you, then be off to pleasure with good friends.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) This is a good day today for handling business matters with associates, but tonight get off to new places and people which will bring you success.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) This is a good day to come to a fine understanding with associates and then make sure to keep agreements which you have made, with influential associates.

Birthstone of October: Opal Tourmaline

## that money would come from an existing \$28 billion line of from pursuing reckless poli-cies, from going deeper into White there have been attempts by Republicans in Iranian oil source doubts **OPEC** production cuts

members should be ready to cut their production ceiling in 1996 to ensure market stability and shield prices even though no such move is now mooted, an Iranian oil source

said on Sunday. "Reducing production levels is not on the agenda for November" when the 12nation group meets to discuss its policy for next year, said the source, "But member states should be willing to. take major steps to guarantee

market stability.
"If demand falls beneath OPEC's 24,52 million barrels per day (bpd) production ceiling it might he brought down. But I don't see that happening right now." the source added.

Iran, traditionally a price hawk, is OPEC's second largest producer with a 3.6 million bpd quota. At an oil meeting in Venezuela last week it said it would propose a formula to fellow OPEC members in November to defend market share and price.

Oil Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh did not reveal that formula but did not rule out a possible increase next year in OPEC's current production ceiling. OPEC ministers, who will

meet in Vienna on Nov. 21. seem to have little room to manoeuvre. The group is plagued by soft oil prices, shrinking market share due to runaway oil production by non-OPEC exporters and quota-busting by OPEC members

have too much leverage to call on non-OPEC states to reduce production at this point. OPEC states are supposed to act in the interests of the organisation, but some

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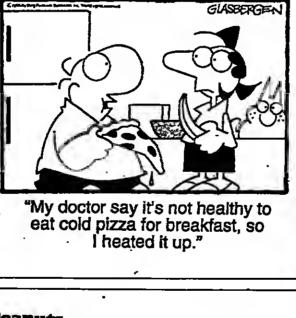
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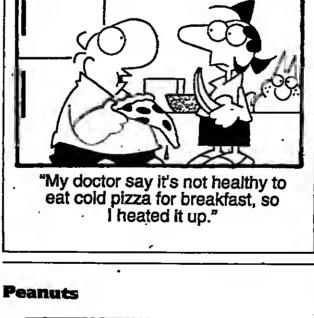
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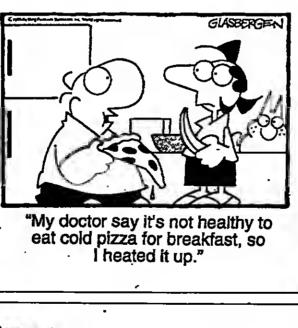




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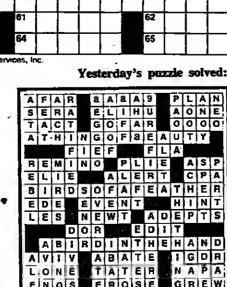
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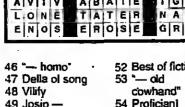
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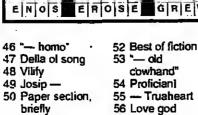


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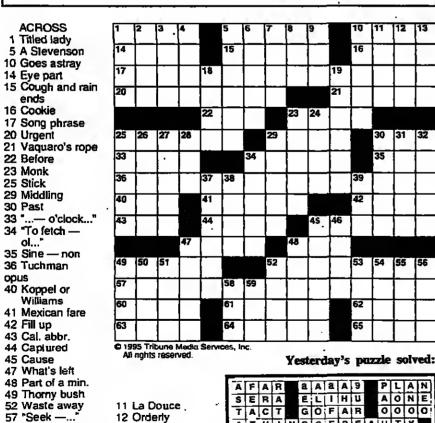




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\* A total of 3,922,169 mil-

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\* The general assembly of

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cided to raise the company's

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to JD 2 million. The decision was taken at an ex-

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of directors Kamel Sharif at

the Ministry of Industry and

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\* The constituent assembly

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Company announced the es-

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\* A seminar on the future

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Jordan will be organised at the Jordan Exports

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eial Centres Corporation

(JEDCCO) on Thursday.

The seminar, organised by

the Exports Development

Department in cooperation

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## Saudi firm wins Malaysian contract

DUBAf. United Arab Emirates (AFP) - A major Saudi company has won a subcontract for an airport project in Malaysia worth \$130 million after competing against 15 international firms. Al Hayat newspaper reported on Monday.

Ben Ladin Contracting was the only Middle Eastern company to bid for the project to build a new international airport in Kuala Lumpur at a total cost of around \$3.6 billion. the London-based daily said. The subcontract includes

the-construction of pavements and buildings linking the main terminal with the runways. it said.

Ben Ladin was also among seven companies shortlisted from 19 firms which had bid for the main airport contract. which was awarded to a consortium of four Japanese companies, said Al Hayat,

received here. Ben Ladin, one of the largest private contracting firms in Saudi Arabia, has a long experience in airport projects as it had carried out 23 major ventures covering

the setting up of airports and associated facilities. The Kuala Lumpur airport project is scheduled to be completed in 1997 and it would be officially inaugurated in early 1998

## Israel, China sign deals

TEL AVIV (R) -- Israeli and Chinese companies signed a series of agreements worth

Israel Corp, a giant holding company, and B.A.I.C. of China signed an agreement to build a juice factory and a distribution network for agri-

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cultural produce in China. The deal was worth \$15 mil-Export Institute.

The Eisenberg group also signed a contract to build a

Export Institute said.

Elscint Ltd signed an agreement for the sale of medical equipment to China worth \$60 million while ECI Telecom Lid and Ji Tong Communications Co. signed a cooperation agreement for ECI to supply a \$60 million wide area network (WAN).

ABU DHABI (AFP) -Several Japanese experts will travel to Oman next week to prospect for gold and other metals in the third major Muscat.

Japan in the Gulf oil producer, officials said on Monday. The experts from the government-run Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will arrive on Oct. 10 for a five-month stay. during which they will use advanced equipment in ex-

The agency is financing the two-million-dollar project, which covers an area of around 3.300 square kilometres, nearly six times the area of the nearby Gulf island state of Behrain.

ploration in east Oman.

mining project carried out by

"The delegation will stay until February to explore for gold, copper, silver, silicon, chrome and other metals in

the area between the Gulf of Oman and the Hajar mountain," said Odaka Akihito of said. the Japanese embassy in

Japan to help Oman in gold hunt

"The mission is in line with the technical agreement signed between the Japanese and Omani government last February. This is the third time that Japanese experts explore for metals here." he

told AFP by telephone. Mr. Akihito, assistant commerical attache, said he expected positive results as previous exploration opera-tions were successful. Oman has vast mineral resources and large areas are still unexploited, he added.

He said the technical agreement covered cooperation in other fields, including farming and industry. "Oman opted for our expertise given

the long experience of Japan in the mining sector." he

Oman is one of the mostmineral rich Middle East countries, having more than 10 million tonnes of gold ore. according to the Doha-based Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting (GOfC).
ft also has large quantities

of potassium, copper, iron, tin, and other metals while its chrome wealth is the biggest in the Gulf. Officials said last week chrome output had climbed in more than 20,000 tonnes per year from around 5,000 tonnes in 1992 and most of the production would

go to Japan and China. Oman has stepped up exploration for minerals in a campaign to expand its nonoil sector and diversify the economy following a decline

in crude prices.

The chrome export venture is the only major project involving non-oil natural resources in Oman but officials have spoken about plans to establish related enterprises in participation with the private sector.

"The exploration for more metals to be carried out by the Japanese will take two years and we expect it to result in substantial findings as these experts are deploying very sophisticated systems and they have a long experience in such a field, an Oman oil and mining

ministry official said. "Such activities are part of our efforts to lessen reliance on oil. I think exploitation of our natural wealth will largely

millions of dollars.

lion, according to the Israel

wholesale market in Beijing. which in its final stage will be valued at \$200 million, the

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Currency .	New York Close	Tokyo Close 1944 2/10/95
Sterling Pound	1,5843	1.5781**
Deutsche Mark	1.4275	1.4325
Swiss Franc	1.1536	1.157744
French Franc	4.9240	4.9385**
Japanese Yea	99.73	100.00
European Curreny Unit	1.2960	1.2936**

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French Franc	5.68	5.48	5.62	5.62
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European Currency Unit	5.56	5.56	5.50	5.62

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Gold	383.25	7.50	Silver	5.43	0.120

Corrency	Bid	Offer
U.S. Dollar	0.7110	0.7130
Sterling Pound	1,1206	1.1262
Deutsche Mark	0.4955	0.4980
Swiss Franc	0.6128	:0.6159
French Franc	0.1440	0.1447
Japanese You <sup>e</sup>	0.7096	0.7131
Dutch Guilder	0.4425	0.4447
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Italian Lira <sup>4</sup>	0.0440	0.0442
Belgian Franc	*****	*****

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Kuwaiti Dinar	2.3050	2.3650
Qutari Riyal	0.1940	0.1953
Egyptian Pound	0.2000	0.2180
Omani Riyal	1.8340	1.8490
UAE Dirham	0-1930	0.1940
Greek Drachma <sup>2</sup>	0.2845	0.3145
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#### LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

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## Caspian states oil chiefs briefs to meet in Tehran

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Oil and gas officials from five Caspian Sea countries will meet in Tebran Dec. 10-11 to discuss prospects for regional cooperation in the oil and gas sectors, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported Sunday.

The meeting will be organised by Tehran's International Energy Studies Cent . and the Iranian Foreign Ministry's Centre for International and Political Studies.

The Caspian, the world's largest inland sea ringed by Iran, Azerbaijan, Kazakh-stan, Armenia and Turkmenistan, sits atop a wealth of oil and other natural re-

Experts say it could be a major producer, rivalling the Gulf within a decade, adding 2 million to 4 million barrels of oil a day to the internation-

al market Two of Kazakhstan's fields are among the 10 largest in the world, with a combined 6 billion to 11 billion barrels of recoverable oil and 20 trillion cubic metres of natural gas.

vying for exploration and production contracts amid a welter of political obstacles. The U.S. Chevron Corp. is a major player and plans to spend as much as \$20 billion over the next two decades

Western oil companies are

developing Kazakhstan's vast Tengiz field. IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said issues to be discussed at the December conference include geopolitics, oil and gas deposits, prospects for

production and marketing and the future of investment and development of oil and gas fields.

#### Union demands closure of new private exchange offices

KHARTOUM, Sndan (AP) - The Sodanese Workers' Federation was quoted Monday as blaming new foreign exchange offices for a sharp drop in the value of the Sudanese pound and demanding that the offices be

A statement by Ahmad Mobammad Abul Resh, vice president of the federation, said that a month ago, the official exchange rate was 500 pounds to the dollar and the black market rate was 600 pounds to the dollar. In the two weeks since the

exchange offices were allowed to begin operation,

the pound has fallen to 750 pounds to the dollar at banks and exchange offices and to 800 on the black market. A weaker pound makes

imported goods more expensive for the Sudanese buyer and can lead to higher prices for locally produced goods, too. "continued operation of

those private foreign exchange offices implies further inflation and more burden on the workers who were aspiriog for an easing in the hardship of living," Mr. Abul Resh told the Sudanese daily Al Sudan Al Hadith.

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Kristian Karembeu (L) of Sampdoria fights for the ball with Marco Sanna of Cagliari during their match October 1. Caqliari won the match over Sampdoria 2-1 (Reuters

# AC Milan and Bayern big guns are spiked

EUROPEAN SOCCER

PARIS (AFP) - AC Milan, Bayern Munich and Paris Saint Germain all tasted bitter defeat at the weekend.

The Italian superclub lost its unbeaten Serie A record, as did the Bavarians in the Bundesliga, while the Parisians saw their command of the French scene

That left Dutch side Ajax and Spanish pace-setters Espanol as the only clubs left with a 100 per cent win-

ning record this campaign. Milan, so impressive in Europe but deprived of the resting Dejan Savicevic on Sunday, crashed to a shock 1-0 defeat at Bari. Carmine Gautieri's goal

allowed Juventus and Napoli, who drew 1-1, to edge within a point of the Serie A leader. Bayern, meanwhile, dis-

covered that seven wins in a row counted for nothing at reigning champions Borus-

sia Dormund, Stefan Reuter scored at the ideal time, just before the break, to put the home side ahead and although Christian Nerlinger hit hack immediately after the pause Sosa and Michael Zorc conjured np two goals inside three

minutes to earn the points. The result left the Bavarians on 21 points, while Borussia move up to 17.

The Parisians, unlike Milan and Bayern, had been beaten once before this season but had to concede the bead of the table to Metz after a 3-1 Sunday defeat at Lens in froot of a 35,000 crowd.

Metz had woo hy the same

scoreline on Saturday against Auxerre, giving them 25 points to PSG's 23. Lens' win saw them move up to third oo 22.

Those disasters had little affect on European champions Ajax, all but untouchable at the moment both at home and oo the continent.

They strengthened their hold oo the Dutch league with a 4-0 away drubbing of SC Heerenveen, their seventh wio in a row. Jari Litmanen, who scored

a hat-trick in the European

Champions League io mid-week, and Patrick Kluivert were again their main executioners, each scoring a goal in a game that took the unbeaten Amsterdam cluh to 21 points, PSV Eindhoven. however, kept in touch with

a 3-0 defeat of Feyenoord. Brazilian Ronaldo on the scoresheet again just as he was last week.

In Spain, Espanol claimed a fifth win in a row, doing just enough against bottom club Racing Santander to earn a 1-0 home win and stay top on 15 points.

But that performance and the match between champions Real Madrid and champions former Barcelona - was upstaged by Brazilian striker Bebeto. He served up the individ-

ual peformance of the weekend by cracking all five goals in Deportivo la Coruna's 5-0 win over Albacete — with four in the last six minutes. Bebeto had opened his

account after just two minutes of the match hut it was not until the 84th that he seemed to have put the game out of Albacete's reach. His next three goals followed in the 85th, 87th and 89th minutes, giving him eight goals for the season after just five games.

Madrid Real Barcelona, who played the second half with 10 men after defender Sergi was sent off for a second booking. ended the game with a 1-1 stalemate.

Real will have been the unhappier side, after dominating most of the match. Dane Michael Laudrup set up his side's goal after just 12 minutes for the 18-yearold Raul to score. Barcelona's inspirational Bosnian striker Meho Kodro, however, matched him before half-ome to set up Roger for the equaliser.

## IOC, hockey's world ruling body give in to NHL conditions for Olympics

STOCKHOLM (AFP) -The International Olympic Committee and bockey's international ruling body gave io to all of the National Hockey League's (NHL) demands in order to have NHL players at the 1998 winter Olympics, the Swedish daily Svenska Dagbladet said Monday.

The newspaper, which acquired an advance copy of the agreement to be announced Monday night in New York, said the NHL dictated its conditions to the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) and the

"It is possible that there will be some reactions from other federations within the Olympic organisatioo. But this is the deal we had to

give in in order to get all the NHL players," the president of the Swedish Ice Hockey Federation, Rickard Fager-

luod, told the paper, The NHL board of gover-nors announced Sept. 29 that it would shut down the 1997-98 season for 16 days so league players might compete in Nagano, but the details of the deal were not annouoced.

According to Svenska Dagbladet, the main points of the deal are:

- The NHL decides the game schedule for Nagano. Players will arrive in Nagano Feb. 9 1998, with three training days before the first game is played Feb. 13. No game will be played Feb. 17, and the finals will be played Feh. 22.

- National team coaches must consult with either an NHL general manager, a current or former NHL coach, or a current or former NHL player before making team selections. At least 12 players must be named to the team before Aug. 1 1997, and the remaining players by Dec. 1, 1997. Selected players must not be used in national squad training

- The 11HF will pay insurance costs for all NHL players in Nagano.

- The IIHF will pay for all NHL players to fly firstclass to Nagano, plus board and lodgings for one guest per NHL player.

## Some ticket-holders will skip Atlanta

ATLANTA, Georgia (AFP)

—Many people who received only a handful of the 1996 Olympic tickets they sought have decided they would rather skip the centennial games altogether than pay for a trip and see relatively little.

"We should have ben associated with a big corporate sponsor. Then we would have been all right. lameoted Chicago's Miles

Zaremski. He ordered more than one thousand dollars worth of seats, received tickets only for baseball and said he would give away the seats rather than spend more mooey on travel after the seating disappointment.

The story is common for those among the 300,000 ticket applicants who discovered in the past week they were getting little or nooe of the big-nicket seats they had sought

Adding to the frustration was a 15-dollar non-

refundable application fee with every order.

"If somebody got tickets to horseshoes they got more than I did," said Georgia resident Brad Oliver, comparing the sports to a popular U.S. leisure game.

"Now I'm oot going any-where. And 1 prohably won't even watch it on television.

Mike Swick went for wrestling, handball and second-level eveots figuring the basketball, swimming, athletics and gymnastics seats would be near impossible. So was wbat they wanted. They would up with baseball, volleyball and paddling.

Now they may stay home. "I would like to experience the Olympics and see Atlanta but I don't know if l am going to make the expense to see what I don't really want to see." Among the ticket failures

were the parents of 1992 Olympic gold medal winner Summer Sanders. They lost in the lottery process for swimming seats.

"It's embarassing as a parent having to approach people asking for tickets. You feel like an absolute idiot," said Bob Sanders, father of the champion.

Olympic organisers ticket chairman Scott Anderson said 93 per cent of the 2,400 people who bave sent back second-chance ticket forms for available events have bought more seats while only seveo per ceot have sought refunds.

"We have disappointed some people, but I doo't thick we have lost any," Anderson said, "The Olympic spirit is going to shine through,"

## Injured Baggio out of Italian squad

ROME (R) — World Cup striker Roberto Baggio, suffering with a muscle injury, was left out of the Italian squad named Monday for next Sunday's important European champiooship qualifier against Group Four leaders Croaoa.

Coach Arrigo Sacchi named an 18-man squad that yielded no surprises for the match in Split, where Italy will be seeking to avenge a 2-1 bome defeat to Croatia last November.

That was the last time Baggio played for his coun-

He was consigned to the substitute's bench during Italy's 1-0 win agaiost Slovenia last month and was absent from the new selection after pulling a muscle in his left leg Sunday during league leaders AC Milan's shock 1-0 defeat at Bari. Lazio striker Giuseppe

brought three champi-

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Signori, who is also injured. and team mate Pier Luigi Casiraghi's suspension further limited Sacchi's choices up front.

He opted again for Juventus striker Fahrizio Ravanelli, the scorer against Slovenia, and Gianfranco Zola of Parma and brought Milan's Marco Simone hack into the sauad.

Squad: Goalkeepers - Angelo Peruzzi, Luca Bucci.

Defenders - Antonio Benarrivo, Ciro Ferrara, Luigi Apolloni, Paolo Maldini, Amedeo Carboni, Alessandro Costacurta.

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## Rodman set for Jordan link-up

CHICAGO, Illinois (AFP) teammate oo the Chicago Bulls could be Dennis Rod-

unorthodox and controversial forward who led the National Baskethall Association (NBA) in rebouods

the past four seasons.

Jerry Reinsdorf, the club's chairman, said he has been indiscussion with San Antonio about a deal for Rod-

scheduled to make \$2.5 regain the form which Michael Jordan's oext new million this coming season in the final year of his contract

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A - If you count the singleton in partner's suit as two points and elect to bid two diamonds, don't be surprised if the bidding gets out of hand very quickly. You have neither the suit quality nor the strength for a two-over-one response, so bid one no trump.

Q. 2 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: 4E972 VA 104 OEQ63 4J8

The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
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2.4 Page 7

What do you bid now?

A - Since partner's club rebid denies a four-card major, there's no point in introducing your spade suit. However, don't make the mistake of bidding two no trump. That shows 11-12 points and invites partner to raise only with a better than minimum opening. Gid three no trump.

Q. 3 - Both vulnerable, as South you note: 4KJ52 ♥83 0954 48664 The bidding has proceeded: WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH 1 & Dbl Page ?

A - Partner's double asks you to take out to your best suit. It is not even close — bid two chibs. You have nowhere near enough defense to sit for one spade doubled, and are about an are short for a response of one no trump; that is a forwardgoing action.

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What do you bid now? A - You want to play the hand in hearts and nowhere else, so it is about time you told partner your hearts are self-sustaining. Jump to four hearts. Since your indicate rebid confirmed a minimum, partner cannot misconstrue this jump as showing more than you have.

Q. S - Both vulnerable, as South you hold: 473 VAQJO 0768 4EJ93

The bidding has proceeded:

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What do you bid now?

A - Had there been no enemy over-call, the best you could do would have been to issue a game musta-tion by raising to two no trump. West's intervention relieved North of the responsibility to rebid with a minimum balanced hand, so part-ner's voluntary action must show a holding that has improved on the suction. Raise to three no trump.

Q. 6 - As South, vulnerable, you 4105 083 OAQJ983 4887 Partner opens the hidding one no trump. What do you respond?

A - If you have a mechanism for finding out whether partner has a high chanced honor, by all means use it. If you do not, sumply jump to three no trump. Your diamond suit rates to produce five or sux tricks, and that should give partner an excellent chot at game.

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## Washington topples Cowboys from unbeaten 27-23

NEW YORK (AP) -Terry Allen rushed for 121 yards and Gus Frerotte threw for 192 yards and two tonchdowns Sunday as the Washington Redskins toppled arch-rival Dallas from the ranks of the nubeaten in the U.S. National Football League (NFL) 27-23.

With Troy Aikman missing all but the first series with a strained right calf muscle that is expected to keep him out 2-3 weeks, the Redskins handed the Cowboys their first loss in five games and left Miami as the only unbeaten and untied team in the NFL.

The St. Louis Rams, a far more surprising 4-0 than the Cowboys, also lost for the first time, 21-18 at Indianapolis, while the Dolphins improved to 4-0 hy beating Cincinnati 26-23 in the second Shula vs. Shula coaching confrontation as Dan Marino hit O.J. McDuffie with a 16-yard touchdown pass with 1:03

In other early games, it was Atlanta 30, New England 17; Tampa Bay 20, Carolina 13, and Philadelphia 15, New Orleans 10. In late games, Kansas City defeated Arizona 24-3. Jacksonville won its first game, edging Houston 17-16, Seattle downed Denver 27-10; Pittsburgh defeated San Diego 31-16 and San Francisco beat the New York Giants 20-6.

Buffalo was to play at

Cleveland Monday night. But the shocker was in Washington, where Aikman went out after the first series when his leg gave out after he threw a pass. Then the Dallas defence gave out

"We wonldn't bave beaten them if Troy Aikman played today," Cowboys coach Barry Switzer said. "Troy Aikman doesn't play

After Darren Woodson's 37-yard interception return gave Dallas a 10-3 lead. Washington (2-3) scored 24 straight points. It was 27-10 when Allen went in from 1 yard out midway through the third quarter after a fumble hy Emmitt Smith, who gained 95 yards in 22 carries, the first time this year he's been under 100 yards in a game.

The Cowboys tried to rally behind backup quarterback Wade Wilson, who was 21 of 29 for 224 yards, but the Redskins hung on, clinching the victory when Tom Carter intercepted Wilson's desperation pass in the final minute.

"I believe that's the best team in football and it's great to beat them in our own home," said Washington coach Norv Turner, wbo was Dallas' offensive coordinator until be took over the Redskins last season. "No question this is our best win. I see guys everywhere on the field getting better hut the bottom line is winning."

## World Gymnastics Championships

## Japan's men take early lead over China U.S. women dominate

SABAE, Japan (AP) — Japan's men seized a surprise first-day lead at the World Gymnastics Championships Monday, while defending champion China angrily denounced the jndging as unfair.

lapan, whose men last won the team competition in 197g, scored 282.060 points in compulsory. exercises, edging China by 0.012 point and delighting the mainly Japanese crowd in the g.000-seat Snn Dome.

But Russia, Belarus and the Ukraine, all strong contenders, were among 12 teams yet to compete in the 24-team men's field, and the medal won't be decided until optional events Friday. The U.S. Women, silver

medalists in 1994, produced a sparkling all-around per-formance, scoring 191.722 and finishing the first day well ahead of Hungary at 184.745 and Greece at 182.857. U.S. Women filled the top four individual spots, and Jaycie Phelps' 9.800 points on the uneven bars was the highest single mark. But again Romania, the defending champion, Rns-

sia, and 16 other teams have yet to compete. The U.S. men, whose international record is spotty, yelped with delight and exchanged "high fives" after securing third place with

Four-time U.S. champion John Roethlisberger was the team's mainstay, scoring fifth highest among all men in action Monday.

"I'm so happy for those guys, they've felt so lousy for so long," said coach Peter Kormann.

This year's meet, the first held in Asia, has taken on added significance because the top 12 teams qualify for next year's Olympics in Atlanta. After his team notched up

2g2.048 points, Chinese head coach Huang Yubin accused a Japanese judge of marking his gymnasts down. He also claimed it was "no coincidence" that China was among five teams drawn to

compete first, when judges are thought to mark less gen-At a news conference, Chinese delegation leader Zhang Jian also said à Japanesc and a German judge "always give low

scores to Chinese gym-

nasts." He urged the sport's

governing body to be stricter with judges. But Yuri Titov, president of the International Gymnastics Federation, said controls were in place to maintain judging standards and he suggested that China's complaints may stem from

pre-Olympic nerves.

60 is not easy. There will not be many satisfied people,"

China's Li Xiaosbuang, a gold medalist at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, was Monday's strongest allaround male gymnast, scoring a total 56.987 points.

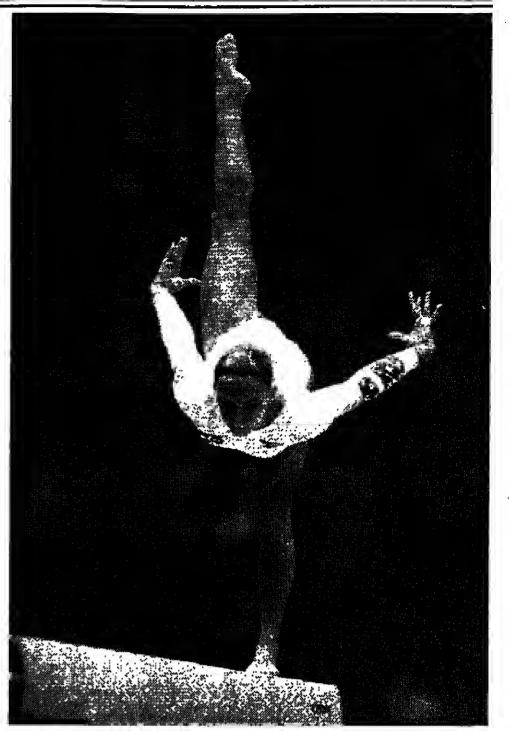
The strongest woman was 1993 and 1994 world champion Shannon Miller, who finished 0.163 point ahead of her U.S. teammate, 14-Dominique vear-old Moceann.

Japan's Hikaru Tanaka scored the highest single men's mark of the day - a 9.725 for a soaring routine on the horizontal har. He stood second in the individual standings with 56.800. The top 36 gymnasts in

each men's and women's team competition qualify for the all-around individual Despite his complaints

about judging, Chinese coach Huang expressed satisfaction with his team, which he said was "much stronger" than last year's champions.

These are the last world championships to include compulsory exercises. The federation has decided they add unnecessary length and expense, accounting for three days of this meet's nine days of competition.



World champion Shannon Miller of the United States performs on the beam during the team event compulsory at the World Gymn astics Championships in Sabae October 2. Miller scored a 9.675 on the balance beam (Reuters photo)

## Courier rallies to beat Siemerink, win Swiss final

BASLE, Switzerland (R) — American Jim Courier, the fifth seed, rallied brilliantly to beat unseeded Dutchman Jan Siemerink 6-7 7-6 5-7 6-2 7-5 in the final of the \$1 million Swiss men's indoor tennis tournament on Sun-

Courier, 25, and world ranked one in 1993, was stretched to the limit by his opponent, who reached the final when top-seeded Boris Becker pulled out of Saturday's semifinal with a bad back.

The match, which lasted four hours and 12 minutes could have gone either way with Siemerink serving and volleying superbly to win the third set 7-5 and go 2-1 sets up.

Courier rallied to take the fourth 6-2 after breaking the Dutchman's serve in the third and seventh games.

Courier broke Siemerink's serve in the seventh game of the deciding set hut the Dutchman broke back immediately for 4-4.

The American, who won his first career title here in 1989, broke his opponent again in the 111th game to go 6-5 up with two crunch-

With Courier, who bas climbed to minth after dropped to a 15th world

ing backhand passes down the line and a running forematch, Siemerink, world ranked 24th, wasted two chances to break once more before the American closed it out with his first march

It was Courier's 18th tournament triumph, which included four Grand Slam titles, and his fourth this



Jim Courier from the USA in action against Dutch Jan Siemerink in the final of the Swiss Open tennis tournament October 1 (Reuters photo)

## Cunning play changes course of chess battle

NEW YORK (R) - With a sacrifice, a trap, a trick and some "span-ish torture", the World Chess Champienship has crackled to life over the past week as champion Garry Kasparov took command.

Three weeks and 12 games into the energy-sapping, best-of-20 contest, the Russian grandmaster is on target to retain the Professional Chess, Association title with a lead of 6-1/2 points to 5-1/2 after a week of cunning play.

Indian challenger Viswanathan Anand's dramatic win in Monday's ninth game when he beat Kasparov's favourite Sicilian defence with a clever piece sacrifice awoke a sleeping predator.

Good was Kasparov's friendly smile for his opponent before the 10th game and absent too was the cordial handshake. It was replaced by what English grandmaster Daniel King jokingly referred to as the "KGB crunch handshake".

"I don't like losing, I don't like somebody bearing me," Kasparov said laconically after the game, during which he thumped down his pieces and paced in and out of the soundproof glass booth where the games are being played. He even slammed the door that leads to his dressing room from the booth.

It was the kind of performance that bas marked Kasparov's career since he became the youngest world champion in 1985 at the age of 22.

He blew Anand off the board with a prepared opening trap the Indian grandmaster had not anticipated.

Two days later grandmaster observers were shocked as Kasparov tricked Anand into blundering away two pawns in an endgame and exposing his king, a hopeless position Anand immediately resigned.

After a record eight draws at the beginning of the match atop the World Trade Centre in New York, the string of decisive results was what spectators had been expecting from two players celebrated for their killer instincts at the board.

Kasparov's eyes gleamed with excitement as he told reporters about the careful preparation in the tuy lopez or Spanish opening that brought him victory with the white pieces in game 10 and the trick he played in Thursday's 11th game. "I think these two games changed

not only the score, which is of number one importance, but also changed the course of the event and I'm very pleased with the situation."

The games drew cheers and shouts from the bundreds of spectators who pay to watch four days a week on the enclosed 107th-floor observation deck of the twin towers with its sweeping views of the city.

Excitement peaked again Friday in

the 12th game when Kasparov gained an edge in another Spanish grandmasters as the "Spanish torture" when it produces tight and complicated positions.

In a flurry of moves that had the official match commentators struggling to keep pace, the situation clar-Although the champion had the

slight material advantage of a pawn soon agreed.

Anand's supporters are not giving up yet despite the shock of seeing their man fall for a trick in game 11 that a player of his calibre should have sidestepped.

At the end of a long week for the bespectacled Anand, he wasn't prepared to say whether he would be playing more aggressively in the fourth week starting on Monday. "I'm going to sleep now, that's all I want to think about," he said.

With one point awarded for a win and a 1/2 point for a draw, the championship winner will be the first to reach 10-1/2 points and collect almost \$1 million from sponsor Intel Corp. Kasparov would retain the title in the event of a 10-10 ne and the total prize of about \$1.5 million



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## U.N. agencies appeal for assistance to Iraq

agencies that have been predicting a humanitarian catastropbe in Iraq will try on Tuesday to persuade foreign donors to substantially increase their recent levels of

The agencies are alarmed that more than halfway through the current fiscal year they have received only about a quarter of the \$183 millioo they expected — and they had requested less than

in previous years.
"Donors have so many other places to put their aid." said Viktor Wahlroos, deputy coordinator in Baghdad of U.N. agencies snch as the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Food Programme (WFP) that aid Iraq. "Iraq is

forgotten."

The aid groups have prepared the ground for the oneday meeting in Geneva by a series of dramatic warnings portraying Iraq as hovering on the edge of disaster five years after all its trade was banned over its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

"Living conditions remain precarious for at least an estimated 4 million people," Mr. Wahlroos told Reuters. That is 20 per cent of the population and includes 2.6 million children under the age of five and 600,000 pregnant or nursing mothers.

TEL AVIV (Agencies) -

Israeli Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin said on Sunday

American Jews opposed to

Middle East peace moves

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Mr. Rabin spoke to repor-

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signed an accord with the

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no moral right to take action

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ernment." Mr. Rabin told

reporters on his plane as it

was about to land at Tel Aviv

Jewish in "fringe groups" had been active in the U.S. Con-

gress to undermine the

accord, in which Israel

agreed to pull its troops out

of Palestinian population

centres in the West Bank to

allow for Palestinian elec-

Mr. Rahin's opponents in

Israel and the U.S. are

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Mr. Rabin renewed his attack

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U.S. Jewry in the future."

attack over the weekend

DOHA (Agencies) — The

president of Sudan, a country

listed by the United States as

alteged sponsor of terrorism.

said Monday that an early

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He said the United States

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Gen. Bashir said his gov-

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Rabin remains defiant

against critical Jewry

While health statistics show the rate of deterioration has slowed since jumps in the first two years of sanctions, U.N. officials are convinced a drastic change for the worse

is about to appear. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, facing sanctions until the U.N. Security Council believes he bas fulfilled terms set after the 1991 Gulf war, slashed rations to his population exactly a year ago.

According to U.N. esti-

mates, rations of items such as flour and sugar that previously met 70 per cent of basic needs of the population now provide less than half the necessary daily nntrition.

The rest must be purchased with Iraq dinars, which bave collapsed in value. A dollar that bought less than a third of a dinar in 1990 now buys well over 2000 dinars on the street. A professor's monthly salary of about 6,000 dinars would buy a single breakfast at the government's show-piece Al Rasheed botel.

Despite that, U.N. officials know it will not be easy to secure extra funds in Geneva. Subbasb Das Gnpta, head of UNICEF in Iraq, said the most likely outcome was some pledges of future assistance, some countries deferring any action and, bopefully, a few firm commitments. "There is donor fatigue,"

when he was critical in a

meeting with Jewish leaders

in New York City on Friday.

Mr. Rabin complained

Iraq's economic links to the rest of the world have been cut off for five years and there is no end in sight to the total ban on Iraqi exports and the ban on all imports except food and medicine.

Meanwhile, other international concerns - from refugee problems in Africa to the desire to shore up Palestinian self-rule - are claiming the attention and funds of donor nations.

Donors may also have to be persuaded that increasing aid is the solution. Some earlier predictions of disaster did not come true and Iraq also has permission to sell a limited amount of oil - under U.N. terms that have so far been rejected — to pay for food imports.

That is a reminder of the United Nations' unusual dual role in Iraq. It enforces sanctions, im-

posed to ensure the elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. Rolf Ekeus, the U.N. official implementing the arms control programme, left Baghdad on Sunday after his latest round of talks saying that problems remained.

But in the same building in Baghdad that houses the U.N. arms experts, the aid agencies are appealing for funds to combat the hardships caused by the sanc-

# Mubarak

then that donations from American Jews were dwind-CAIRO (Agencies) — The presidents of Syria and Egypt ling. He also denounced as "loathsome" a Jewish group that urged Congress not to grant U.S. aid to the cashstrapped Palestinian self-rule government. Avraham Burg. a leading

figure in Mr. Rabin's Labour Party, said the prime minister had made a "mistake of historic proportions" with his attack on American Jews. Mr. Burg heads the quasigovernmental Jewish Agency. which works to bring Jew-ish immigrants to Israel and has close ties with diaspora

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin. a Jewish settler leader who immigrated from the United States 13 years ago, said the government was acting in an undemocratic manner.

He noted that parliament would only get a chance to vote on the autonomy accord on Thursday, a week after it was signed.

"You cannot ask American Jewry to give money and not give their opinions about the most basic things." Mr. Ris-

Earlier this year Mr. Rabin likened some U.S. rabbis to 'ayaiollahs" after they joined a call on soldiers to refuse orders to evacuate army bases in the West Bank.

Israeli men do a compulsory three years of army service beginning at age 18. Women are drafted for two

Saying there were more

than one million Eritrean re-

fugees living in Sudan, he

said Khartoum would not

evict them as a "refugee weapon" against Ethiopia or

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Gen. Bashir, speaking to

the Sudanese community in Oatar, said: "The enemies

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added. naming the United States. Israel. Britain and

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this question by two means.

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military," Gen. Bashir said.

Government forces have suc-

ceeded in restricting the re-

bellion to small pockets in the

south, he said.

We are trying to resolve

Israel and the United States

for the civil war.

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the south."

## Assad, to meet on peace

are to meet soon to explore ways of getting Syrian-Israeli peace talks moving again. Egyptian Information Minister Safwat Al Sherif said Monday.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak told U.S. officials in Washington that it was now "important to unblock Israeli-Syrian negotiations" after attending the signing of an Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) auton-omy deal at the White House last Thursday, Mr. Sherif

"He will soon meet (Syrian President) Hafez Al Assad to carry out consultations on this subject," Mr. Sherif told the government daily Al Ahram Al Massai, without saying where the meeting would take place.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, meanwhile, said there would be a meeting "soon" between Israel and Syria without giving a date. Mr. Arafat, speaking dur-

ing a visit to Senegal on Sunday, also said he hoped for progress in Israeli-Syrian and Israeli-Lebanese negonianons leading to a "concrete accord and a just and lasting peace throughout the re-

U.S. President Bill Clinton assured me he is going to do everything to ensure Israel negotiates with Syria and Lebanon." Mr. Arafat said. U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher is expected to meet this week in Washington with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa to discuss ways of breaking the deadlock in

Israeti-Syrian tatks. After years of stop-start negotiations with U.S. envoys acting as go-betweens. the talks ground to a halt in June with both sides failing to agree on security arrangements to accompany an Israeli withdrawal on the

Golan Heights.
Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas has said Syria wast still committed to peace in the region but wanted the return of all of the Golan Heights before it could make

peace with Israel. Official sources said General Tlas, attending the opening of a military course on Sunday, denounced the PLO-Israeli deal signed last week in Washington for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank as a "capitula-

"Tlas assured Syria was committed to the comprehensive and just peace ... and that Syria can not accept a peace that would not return the lands and rights." one

Qatar has been mediating source said. in Sudan's effors to mend ties "Syria will not abandon a with the rest of the oil-rich span of its home land." one Gulf Arab states. Those relasource quoted Gen. Tlas as tions have been strained ever since Sudan sympathised with

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## Regent urges coordination, linkage in education among Arab countries

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, on Monday called for inter-Arab dialogue to upgrade the education in the Arab World.

Addressing the opening session of a pan-Arab educational conference at the University of Jordan, Prince Hassan stressed that the educational development and reform in Jordan should be linked with the development of human resources and the development of land's re-

In his address to the conference enritled "Preparing Arab Teachers for the 21st Century," Prince Hassan cal-led on the Arab World to coordinate and link educational programmes.

Urging educationists to in-teract with the changes taking place in the region, he said: Development of the (Continued on page 3)



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, on Monday attends a conference on education and teachers in the Arab World (photo by Boghos)

## French N-test ignites renewed world condemnation, but Paris is unruffled

Combined agency dispatches

FRANCE WAS again the target of a wave of global outrage of Monday after it ignored world opinion and exploded the second and possibly biggest of its new series of nuclear weapons tests in the South Pacific.

The fiercest condemnation came from Pacific-rim nations Japan. Australia and New Zealand, while the United States, another nuclear power, also criticised the test, calling it regrettable. European Union (EU)

foreign ministers also voiced their disappointment, but were at a loss about what to do next. The French government

was unruffled.

Prime Minister Alain Juppe would only repeat that the tests were harmless to the environment and would be the last before France signed a global nuclear weapons test

We are continuing our testing campaign in the conditions and within the limits set by the president of the republic," he said in terse comments to reporters.

Gaullist Deputy Jacques Baumel, who is vicepresident of the National Assembly's defence committee, said France would hold the third nuclear test in early Mr. Baumel, who was

speaking in the National Assembly lobby, said he had no official information, but that the French programme provided for a test per month and "I think that early in November, there will be a third test.

Mr. Baumel said he was "no prophet" and was "not party to defence secrets," but affirmed that the 110kilotonne test carried out on Fangataufa atoll Sunday was 'aimed at validating for the last time" the TN-75 warhead which will be installed on France's new generation of strategic nuclear submarines from next summer.

The deputy had predicted on Sept. 22 that the second test would he staged in Fangataufa "in eight to ten days" to test the TN-75 nuclear warhead.

Mr. Baumel repeated that the test series had three aims - veryfying the reliability of existing weapons, testing the TN-75 and preparing laboratory simultation of tests.

Earlier, Mr. Baumel accused unidentified groups from the United States, Aufunding the environmental group Greenpeace to pressure France.

He said such groups were exploiting sincere Green- of six to eight tests breaking

peace activists for commercial and political purposes.

"Greenpeace is an extraordinary mix of well-meaning people: old protestant women, cool young things. very friendly young people." he told the France-Inter radio station. "But at the same time be-

who are pursuing a determined policy with considerable means.... and who gives these means?" he said. The French defence ministry said the blast was deton-

hind this there are people

ated beneath Fangataufa in French Polynesia at 12:30 a.m. Paris time (2330 GMT on Sunday) The blast was some five times more powerful than the

U.S. atomic bomh dropped on Japan's Hiroshima in "The United States regrets

this action. We continue to urge all of the nuclear powers including France to refrain from future tests and to join in a global moratorium (on testing)," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said in a statement.

But Paris was not the lone target for criticism, with both also hitting out at Britain for refusing to speak out against French testing.

It was the second in a series

France's three-vear-old moratorium on nuclear tests. The first, a far smaller blast at France's main Mururoa atoll test site, also unleashed a tide of world condemnation

and sparked violent riots in

Tahin Tahiti was calm but tense in the aftermath of the latest test. But pro-independence groups warned that it could ignite a violent rampage

aimed at French expatriates. More than 800 gendarmes have been deployed in Papeete to quell any repeat of rioting that followed the first

Japan, Australia and New Zealand all summoned French ambassadors on Monday to voice opposition to the

Japan's Foreign Minister Yohei Kono told Ambassador Jean-Bernard Ouvrieu he "strongly regretted that you do not understand Japan's consistent position on this and demanded matter.' France halt the testing.
New Zealand Prime Minis-

ter Jim Bolger, in a statement, said: "New Zealanders are outraged that once again France is thumbing its nose at

Swedish Foreign Minister Lena Hjelm-Wallen said she

had hoped that the reaction

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## American airports on high security alert after guilty verdict in bombing plot trial

WASHINGTON (AP) -Airports nanonwide are stepping up precautions against attacks to the highest level since the 1991 Gulf war. No specific threats were cited, but a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) official said Monday: "We're planning for the worst."

Transportation Secretary Federico Pena issued the order Sunday after a group of militants were convicted in a New York trial. "Based on several current and future events, more security measures are now warranted," Mr. Pena said.

Security was noticeably tighter at the White House. Pedestrians were blocked from Pennsylvania Avenue, which already this year was closed to motor vehicles for

"We always review the security environment both for U.S. installations abroad and U.S. government facili-

ties here at home when the environment suggests it's smart to do that," presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said.

He said last week's signing of a Middle East peace agreement at the White House, the New York verdict and other events "legitimately cause the United States to look at the status of its security."

Stepped-up security was evident at Dulles International Airport outside Washington. Travellers on a New York-bound flight had to produce picture identification when checking bags at the curb and again when picking

up seat assignments. They also were asked at both locations whether others had handled their baggage and if they had packed it

themselves. At Newark International Airport in New Jersey, where Pope John Paul II arrives Wednesday for a five-day U.S. visit, no changes in security were visible Monday, but security has been at a heightened state since Aug. 13. That alert was hased on a federal warning that radicals might be planning a car bombing at nearby John F. Kennedy International Air-

port in New York. On Aug. 9. Mr. Pena ordered a "heightened state of alert" for transportation facilities nationwide after President Bill Clinton requested a review of airport

security procedures. At the time, the administration refused to reveal details of any threats. But the newspaper Newsday reported the FBI had intelligence reports that two groups - the Palestinian Hamas and the Iran-backed Hizbollah were planning a "suicide

James Kallstrom, chief of the FBI's New York office, said Monday the current

security measures were aimed at no specific threat. He said the FBI and the State Department "have threats all the time, hundreds of phone calls; letters." Mr. Kallstrom said on tele-

vision that he did not know whether an attack is likely but added: "We're planning for the worst,"

He said he "absolutely" expects threats to security to increase but noted that due to increased security measures including more careful ID and baggage checks, "This might be the safest time" to travel.

At Dulles and Washington's other main airport. National, the new measures meant cars left curbside at the terminal might be towed and check-in lines might move more slowly, a spokeswoman said. "We don't expect too

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tants, the conviction of Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman will have few repercussions in Egypt, Muslim activists said. But one of his attorneys in Cairo condemned the ver-

"Omar Abdnl Rahman had no hand in any of these attacks, neither in organising them or executing them," said Abdul Halim Mandour, who has known the Egyptian cleric since 1979. "He is not a

Mr. Mandour predicted there would be anger, but other Muslim activists discounted the chance for violence. Militants of Al Gamaa Al Islamiyah, or the Islamie Group, many of whom consider Sbeikh Abdul Rahman their spiritual leader, have carried out bit-and-run attacks since 1992 in an attempt to topple the governmegt.

"He has followers, he has supporters, but I don't think it will cause commotion," said Mamoun Al Hodeibi, a spokesman for the Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's largest Islamic group. The Brotherhood claims

tens of thousands of followers in Egypt hut has disavowed violence. The government has cracked down on it since January, accusing it of having ties with the Islamic Group.

Other supporters of Abdul Rahman said they did not expect a backlash, particularly since the government has largely confined the insurgen-

cy to the group's traditional stronghold in the south. There will be nothing. The circumstances won't allow it," said Montassar Al Zayat, another attorney for

sy in downtown Cairo. A handful of guards standing said they had not heard of the

"I haven't heard anything about the trial," said one of the black-uniformed soldiers, who as is customary refused to give his name. "Tve been listening to the soccer match on the radio."

The embassy issued a warning in July urging the thousands of Americans in Egypt to be careful as the trial approached a verdict. An embassy spokesman said Sunday that the embassy had received threats last month, but declined to give details.

citizens had been threatened. The trial had received little attention in Egypt. State-owned radio and television virtually ignored the case, and the daily newspapers only rarely put the trial on their front pages.

The verdict Sunday received similar treatment, mentioned at the end of the evening news. Early editions of state-owned newspapers carried it briefly on the front

## Norway royals cut down on smoking

at the palace OSLO (AFP) - Norway's King Harald V and Queen Sonja will no longer offer cigarettes at official receptions at the royal palace and at least one room will be smoke-free at official dinners, the palace has announced. The changes are being made to keep the palace up-to-date with Norwegian smoking laws, royal reception secretary Magne Hagen said. King Harald V is a smoker.

#### U.S. singers raise money for poor farmers

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (R) - Some of America's top musicians joined forces Sunday in a concert to raise money for struggling, small family farmers. Concert organisers said about 50,000 people crammed into Cardinal Stadium in Louisville to see a line-up of stars including rockers Neil and Young Mellencamp and the hand Hootie And The Blowfish. Country singer Willie Nelson, president of Farnt Aid, said the farming crisis of the 1980's was still alive 10 years later in America. This is not a celebration? Nelson told a news conference before the concert, which raised more than \$1 million in ticket sales. "This is a black eye on America that we had to do Farm Aid once. We're not here to celebrate, we're here to tell you there's a problem. Not only is it still here, it's worse than it was," he added. Nelson estimated about 500 family farmers went out of business every week, adding that Farm Aid had distributed more than \$12 million to farming organisations across America, Farm Aid began in 1985 when Nelson and rockers Young first concert. Young targed President Bill Clinton to veto efforts by Congress to cut support to family farmers. "Help needs to go to people who care about the land and who don't want to destroy the land by overworking it - not to people pushing pencils in New

## kills attacker with bra

York City," Young said.

Thai rape victim

BANGKOK (R) — A young woman in an eastern Thai town used her bra to strangle a man whom she accused of raping her, police said Monday. Police said the 19-year-old woman told them she was travelling on the back of a motorcycle taxi near the town of Siracha when the driver stopped and dragged her into a nearby wood and raped her. As the driver rested after the attack, she picked up her bra, which had been torn off, and strangled him, police quoted the woman as saying.

#### 3 hikers survive 13 days trapped In cave

BELIING (AP) — A man and his two young nephews were rescued 13 days after getting lost in an underground cave without any food, the official Xinhua News Agency said Saturday. Sun Zhongfu, 22, and his nephews, 10year-old Li Chengqing and 12-year-old Li Wanqun, wandered into the limestone cave with a candle but it soon went out. Xinhua said. They were unable to find the exit in the darkness. They survived by drinking water from a stream, the report said. It said they were "thin but in good spirits." Xinhua said five men fishing in a stream in the cave on Sept. 22 heard the trio's weak cries for help.

## No serious backlash expected in Egypt

CAIRO (AP) — Despite his following among Islamic mili-

dict, calling it a "a political trial for political thought." terrorist. He is a thinker and a man of religion."

Sheikh Abdul Rahman. Security appeared normal at the sprawling U.S. embas-

along the embassy's walls conviction. Three pickup trucks carrying about 10 soldiers with rifles were parked across the street, but they said they report there every

He said no private U.S.